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COMMENT OF THE DAY

NEARING THE "SUMMIT"?

THE Soviet Union has replied to a United States note which has asked whether the Russians wanted a "summit" conference merely as a spectacle or to take meaningful decisions. So far, however, it is not known whether the Russian leaders have answered the question.

The State Department has let it be known that a good deal could depend on the Soviet answer to the essential question posed in the aide-memoire.

The United States wants a meeting of heads of governments to take decisions which will begin seriously to resolve at least some of the important political issues, inaugurate some significant steps to limit armament and, by such decisions, create an atmosphere conducive to further settlements.

Anything less would not respond to the hopes, indeed to the legitimate demands of mankind.

Held Off

PRESIDENT Eisenhower has apparently deliberately held off a reply to the last summit letter from Marshal Bulganin, the Soviet Prime Minister, until the Russians have answered the United States Government's question.

The immediate point at issue in the long correspondence on the subject of a possible summit conference is how the groundwork for it should be laid and by whom.

The United States and its allies want a thorough discussion of the fundamental problems at ambassadorial level followed, if necessary, by a Foreign Ministers conference. But this would take time and delay a summit conference probably until later in the year.

Limited

THE Soviet Union, pushing for a meeting as soon as possible, has proposed up to now that the Foreign Ministers should meet for the limited purpose of listing an agenda without substantive discussions in order that the heads of governments could convene in June.

The United States, for its part has insisted on an agenda including, among other subjects, disarmament, control of outer space, German reunification, the right of Eastern European states to choose their own form of government and strengthening of the United Nations by restrictions on the big Power veto.

It is unlikely that the Russians will agree to any talks involving the reunification of Germany or "interference" in the form of government in the Eastern European countries.

Unacceptable

MANY of the Russian proposals, too, will be unacceptable to the Western Powers and they include control of outer space tied to the elimination of overseas bases, and the reduction of foreign troops and the establishment of a nuclear-free zone in Central Europe.

The United States note of March 6 dealt almost entirely with the widely differing views of the United States and the Soviet Union on the approach to the summit.

Presumably, therefore, the Soviet reply will also concentrate on the issue of an agenda and under what conditions it might be discussed. The matter at stake now seems to be whether they should build up to a summit conference as proposed by the United States, or work down from it as the Soviet Union has demanded.

ATROCITIES IN SUMATRA

Rebels Have Throats Cut

By WENDELL S. MERICK

Bukittinggi, Mar. 24. Central Government troops ambushed and cut the throats of 19 rebels at Pematang Siantar a week ago, an official of the Revolutionary Government reported today.

Col. Mohammed Djambek, Interior Minister in the Rebel Government gave bare details of the massacre as fighting continued for the seventh day at Pematang Siantar, south of Medan.

He said the ambush occurred on March 17 when a rebel Lieutenant-Colonel named Hutaurak and six other officers and 24 soldiers slipped into the town to confer with Maj. Manap Lubis, Military Commander, who allegedly had indicated willingness to join the rebels.

Jumped Them

Djambek said they negotiated throughout the day. The rebel delegation was invited to dinner, after which a larger band of Government troops jumped them, killed 19, including Hutaurak, and wounded several others in a throat-cutting orgy.

EMBASSY SWITCH

Rome, Mar. 24. Indonesian Ambassador in Rome Sutan Mohammad Roesli and his wife were accredited to the Indonesian Embassy in Europe have switched their allegiance to the Rebel Government in Padang, Sumatra, the Italian Continental News Agency reported tonight.

The names of the other six diplomats were not revealed.—France-Press.

Other rebel soldiers who had been hiding nearby to await the outcome of the conference heard the fight, rushed to their comrades' aid and saved those not already killed.

Djambek said it was obvious that the massacre had been well-planned. He called it "treachery."

The official said fighting was still going on today at Pematang Siantar, some 50 miles from the port of Medan which is in Central Government hands.

There was no information available here on the number of troops in action at Pematang Siantar.

Red Cross

In other developments: The Revolutionary Government announced that Mr. Assati, independent member of the Indonesian Government, arrived on Sumatra to join the rebels. He once was Acting President of Indonesia.

The rebels also announced that two Red Cross ships, the *Laos* and the *Lependa*, will not be permitted to dock at Padang and take aboard civilians who want to be evacuated. The ships anchored off Padang yesterday.

Rebel officials said Djakarta was using them for propaganda purposes. The Indonesian Antara News Agency, quoting "loyalist Army information sources," reported today that Central Government forces have cleared a key highway near Medan of rebel troops.

The News Agency, in a dispatch originating in Medan and monitored in Tokyo, said that the Laung Regency, also known as Kabupaten, between the North Sumatran capital of Medan and Aceh Province to the north, "has now been cleared of remnants of rebel (Major Boyko) Nanggolan troops."—United Press.

UNKNOWN COMPONENT IN CIGARETTE

SMOKE FOUND

Norman, Okla., Mar. 24. UNIVERSITY of Oklahoma research chemists announced today they have discovered a new component in cigarette smoke, but they don't know whether it is harmful.

The "previously unknown component" was identified as copolein, a compound which previously has been found in the roots of many plants and

in green tobacco leaves. The Director of the University's Research Institute, Dr. Verno Kennedy Jr., said the discovery should lead to further research on the chemical's effects on the human body.

The find was reported in the latest issue of the *Journal of Organic Chemistry* by Dr. Simon H. Wender, University biochemist, and two students.

Chao Wei-yang, a graduate of National Taiwan University, Formosa, and Yasushi Nakagawa, of Japan, Kennedy declared, "There are no overtones in this report linking this component with cancer of the lungs." He said so far as he knew "no studies of its effects on humans or animals have been undertaken."—United Press.

Cypriots Prepare To Celebrate TERRORISTS ATTACK TROOPS

Nicosia, Mar. 24. Security authorities tonight completed large scale plans to deal with any trouble arising from tomorrow's "biggest ever" celebrations to mark Greek Independence Day.

EARL RUSSELL'S CALL TO BAN THE H-BOMB

London, Mar. 24. Earl Russell (Bertrand Russell, the philosopher) tonight described as "absolutely insane fanaticism" the belief that destruction by nuclear bombs was preferable to submission to a hostile power.

He was speaking in a filmed interview on Independent (commercial) Television.

The 86-year-old Nobel prize winner declared: "There have been bad conquerors in the past—take for instance the Mongols, who were cruel and abominable beyond all measure in the time of Genghis Khan."

"In the time of his grandson, Kubla Khan, Emperor of China, they were most civilized, humane and charming folk."

UNPLEASANT

Earl Russell added: "Now, if the Communists conquered the world, it would be very unpleasant for a while, but not for ever."

"But if the human race is wiped out that is the end."

He said he would like the Government to announce that it would have nothing further to do with the manufacture of H-bombs, and that it would not have rocket sites stationed in this country.—Reuter.

First Death Sentence

Rabat, Mar. 24. A Moroccan Court today passed the first death sentence since independence on two French officers.

The two officers, Colonel Tubert and Commandant Valache, were condemned—in their absence—together with a Moroccan, Dhes Ben Baahir El Rifi, for making attempts against the external security of the state. It was alleged that El Rifi had, in 1954 and 1955, passed information to the French Officers who were commanding French troops fighting against the Moroccan Army of Liberation.—Reuter.

Rebel Girl Collectors

Algiers, Mar. 24. A ring of rebel girls who allegedly served as spies, liaison agents, secretaries and fund collectors for the insurgents has been broken up in Western Algeria, authorities said today.

They said 12 girls already have been arrested at Tiemcen, between Oran and the Moroccan border, with more arrests expected. According to captured documents, one team of girls raised 6,000,000 francs (\$1,708) in four months in Tiemcen alone, authorities said.—United Press.

Caribbean Visit

London, Mar. 24. Princess Margaret will leave London aboard a Britannia liner on April 10 for a trip to British possessions in the Caribbean. It was disclosed here today that the princess will visit Trinidad, Barbados, Guyana, Honduras and Gunder before returning to London on May 7.—France-Press.

DUEL OVER PARIS BALLET

Paris, Mar. 24. The Marquis de Cuevas, 73-year-old Chilean-born American ballet impresario, declared today he "would have like to use a whip" in his forthcoming duel with Serge Lifar, 52-year-old Russian-born choreographer at the Paris opera.

Seconds for the two adversaries had announced that they had agreed on a time and place to be kept secret—for a duel "with swords until first blood is drawn."

Duelling is illegal in France. The conflict arose out of a dispute at the opening of the

Cuevas Ballet at the Theatre des Champs Elysees on last Friday night.

Lifar had taken steps to forbid the presentation of his ballet *Noir et Blanc* but the Marquis announced that he would go ahead with the show anyway.—France-Press.

Hoisting The Red Flag, A Private Action: Japan

Tokyo, Mar. 25. The Japanese Justice Ministry feels that the hoisting of the Communist Chinese flag over Chinese trade missions here must be interpreted as "private action," Justice Ministry sources reported today.

The sources said such action must be considered the same as that taken by private firms and individuals.

The issue of the flags has come up under the "private" trade agreement signed between Japanese trade organizations and Peking.

The agreement has raised bitter reaction in Peking, which has severed trade relations with Japan. The Nationalist Chinese have been particularly incensed over provisions of the private trade agreement, which would authorize the raising of the Communist flag over the Communist trade mission which would be established here under the agreement.

RECOGNITION

The Nationalist Chinese say that allowing the flag to be raised would amount to recognition of the Peking Government.

The Ministry sources said, however, that this was not so. They pointed out that there are no diplomatic relations between Tokyo and Peking and that Communist trade representatives who do come will not be given diplomatic privileges.

Meanwhile, Japanese negotiators of the trade agreement on Monday sought government approval for the pact. It must be approved by both the Chinese and Japanese governments before it goes into force.—United Press.

PAUL BUTLER SAYS: RECESSION WAS PLANNED

Delaware, Mar. 24. Democrat Party National Chairman, Mr. Paul Butler charged today the Republican Administration deliberately planned the present depression as a means of economic readjustment but that it later got out of control.

Mr. Butler, in a prepared address to the Wesleyan University student body here, said the administration started putting on the brakes after the train had already slowed down and thus threw the nation into a complete slump.

The Administration finally agreed to act and now is presenting an example of Republican authority the very measures it condemned a few weeks ago, Mr. Butler added.

He referred to the slump as "the Second Eisenhower-Nixon recession."—France-Press.

QUEEN LEAVES FOR NETHERLANDS

London, Mar. 24. Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh sailed from Harwich this evening on the Royal yacht *Britannia* for the Netherlands.

They are expected to arrive in Amsterdam tomorrow to begin a three-day official visit.

The *Britannia*, put to sea in bitter cold weather, through a light fog, and headed for stormy seas.

Weather forecasts predicted a rough crossing of the North Sea, with high winds sometimes reaching tempest force. The Royal yacht is being escorted by the frigates *Grenville*, *Pellow* and *Paladin*.—France-Press.

DEFENCE SECRETS FOR LABOUR?

London, Mar. 24. The Prime Minister and the leader of the Opposition are expected to discuss tomorrow whether the Government should give confidential defence information to Opposition leaders.

Informed quarters tonight said this meeting between Mr. Harold Macmillan and Mr. Hugh Gaitskell would take place in the House of Commons. The Defence Committee of the Labour Party met at the House, tonight and discussed this question, it was learned.

OPPOSITION

Many Labour members of Parliament are known to be opposed to receiving secret defence information on the grounds that it lies their hands and hampers criticism of the Conservative administration.

The Labour Defence Committee also returned to the question of the hydrogen bomb.

Some members it was learned, spoke very forcibly in favour of Britain renouncing use of nuclear weapons unilaterally. They were answered by Mr. George Brown, "Minister of Defence" in the Party's "Shadow Cabinet" who expounded the official Labour view as expressed in the resolution of the Brighton Conference last September.—Reuter.

Survival

Athens, Mar. 24. Five crew members and one passenger of the Greek motorship *Dodecanesos*, sworn to safety to the Turkish coast after the ship floundered in a violent storm off Cape Cavados, Turkey, on Saturday night, the Greek Merchant Marine Ministry announced today.

They are the only survivors reported so far among the ship's 20 passengers and 10 crew members.—France-Press.

Russian Diplomat Vanishes From Cambodia

Saigon, Mar. 24. Vladimir Lukashkevich, Second Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, disappeared from there 10 days ago and it is believed he sought political asylum in another country, it was reported today.

A spokesman for the Cambodian Foreign Ministry said the Russian diplomat was issued an exit visa but "the Ministry does not have to concern itself with what happened to him."

Defected

According to French Press reports, the story that Lukashkevich defected has been circulating widely in Phnom Penh since he disappeared on the night of March 13-14.

These reports said that Lukashkevich recently was recalled to Moscow and that his wife and children left Cambodia before his disappearance. The Russian diplomat's position would indicate he had access to confidential documents, observers said.

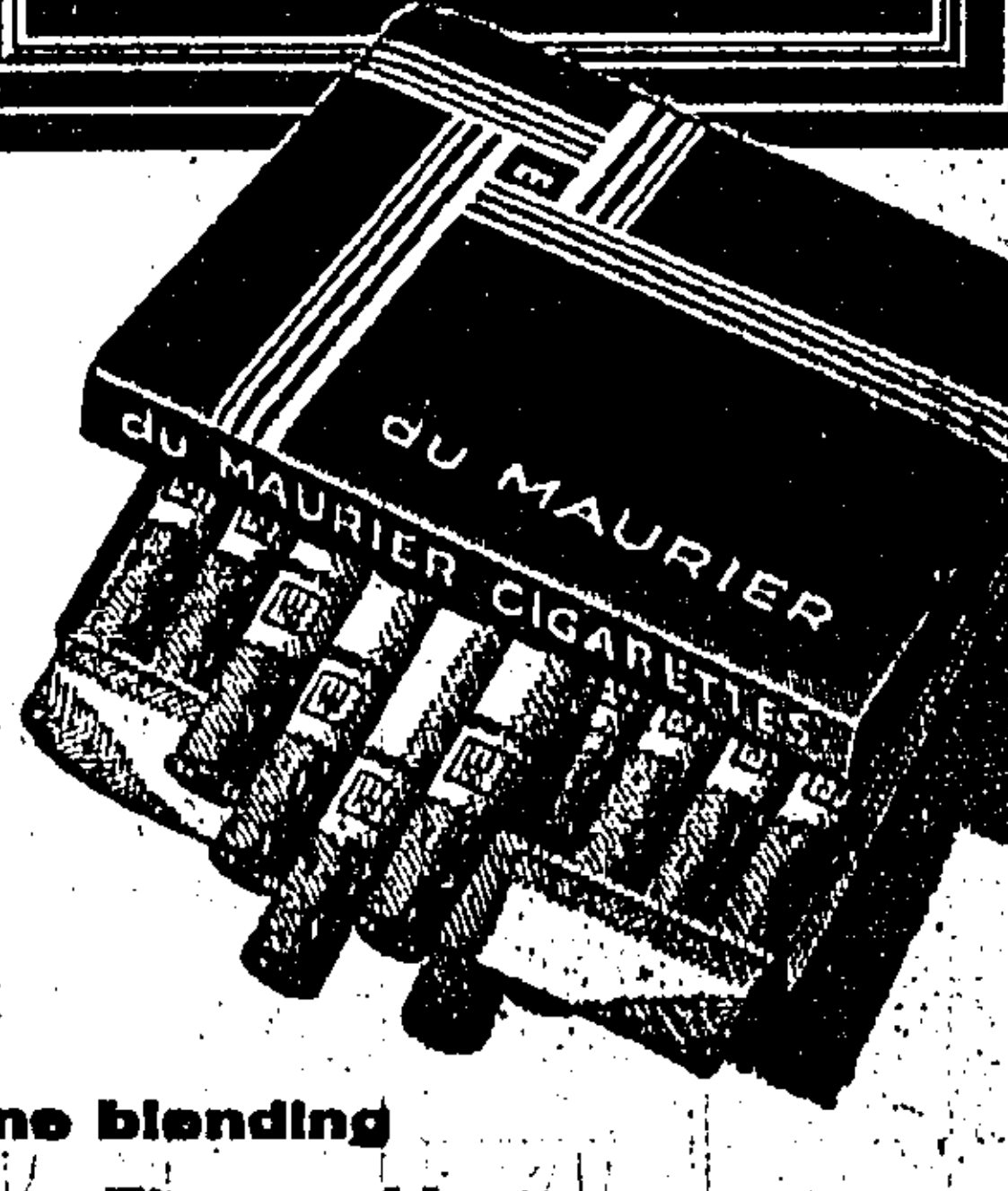
According to some reports it is believed he went to Tokyo or Paris.—United Press.

Opera Ban

Bangkok, Mar. 24. The Thai Police have banned public performances of Chinese operas and plays, police sources said.

They said these performances which attract large street crowds hold up traffic and obstruct the work of fire brigades.—Reuter.

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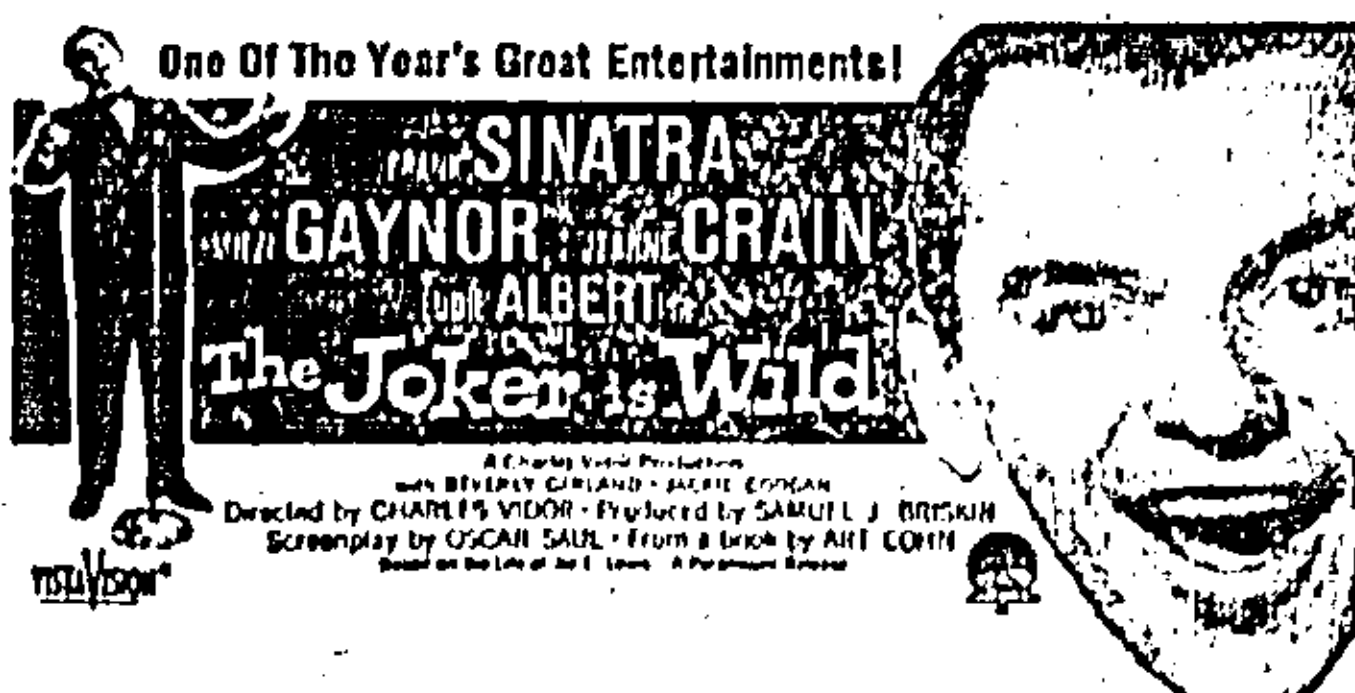


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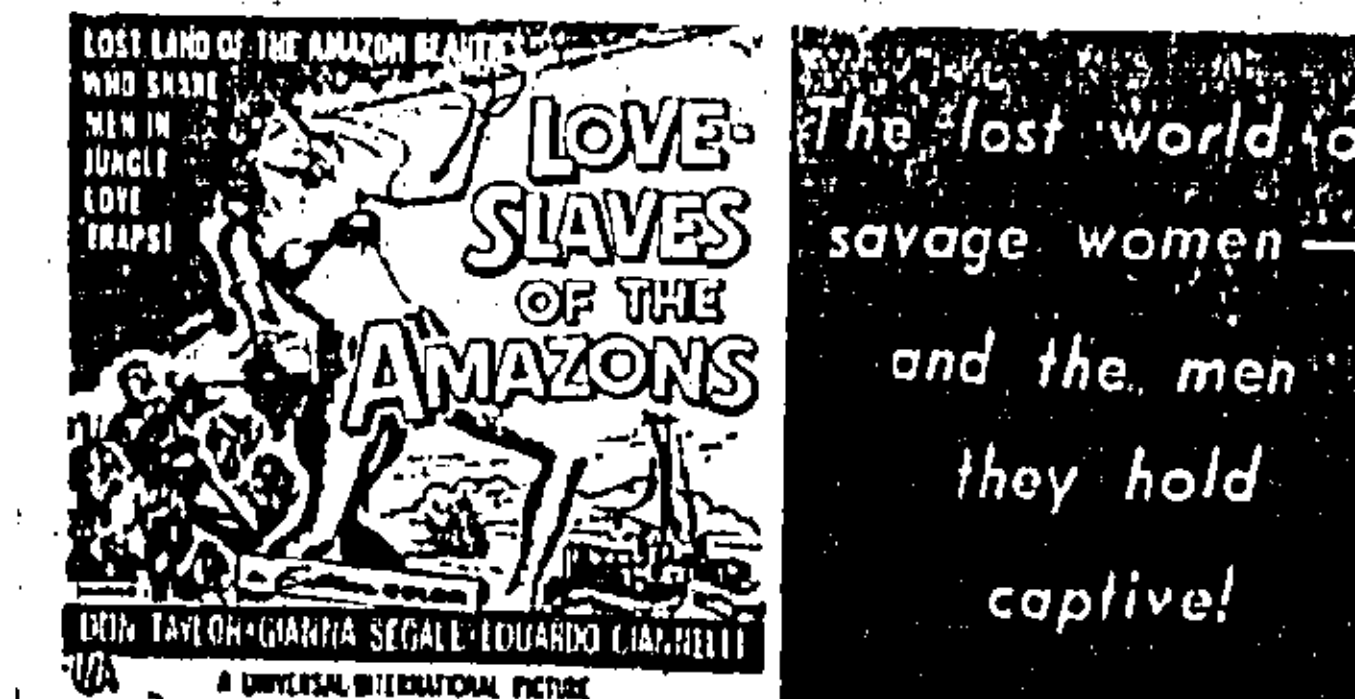
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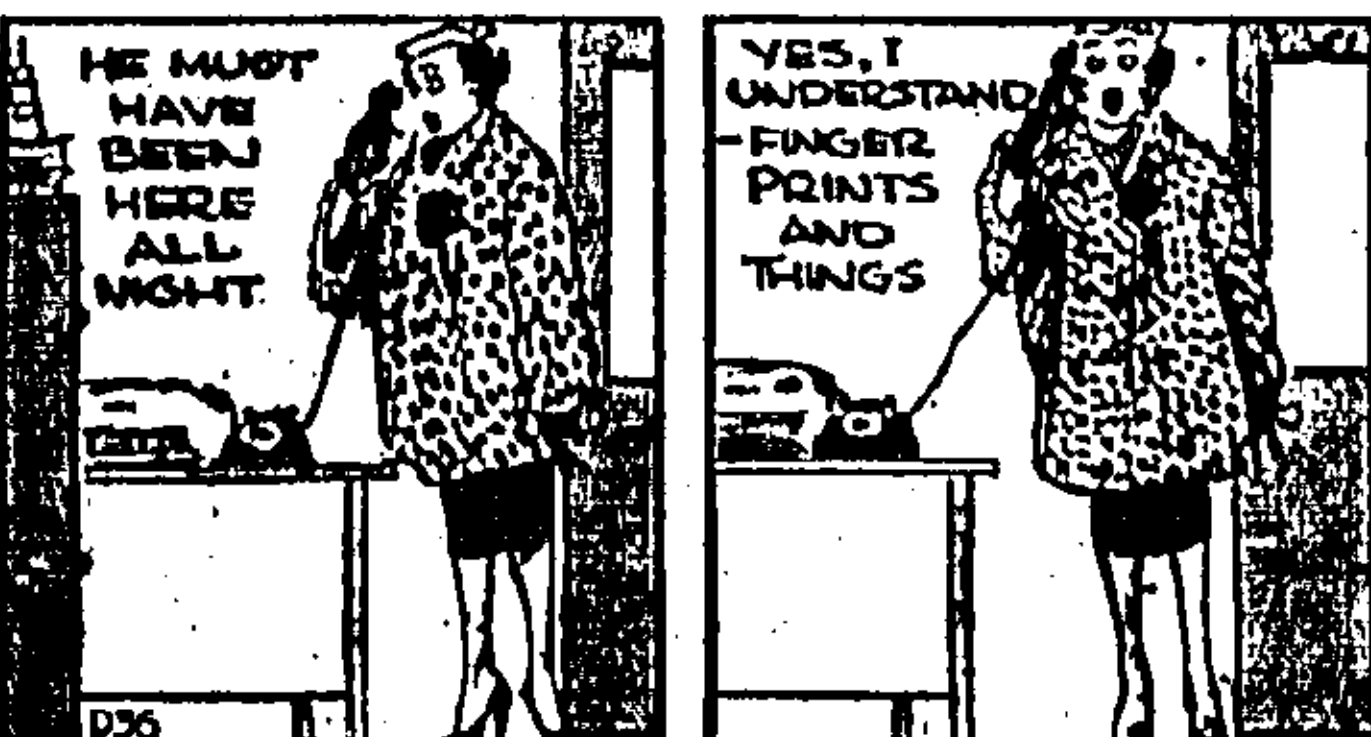
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UNDERGROUND CHURCH CONSECRATED IN LOURDES

Lourdes, Mar. 24. Thirty Archbishops and Bishops were among 40,000 pilgrims who today watched the consecration ceremony of a huge semi-underground church, built for pilgrims to this Catholic shrine.

Cardinal Ruffini, the Patriarch of Venice assisted by five Archbishops, conducted the blessing of the church half sunken in the ground and covered with a layer of turf.

Owing to the size of the church—200 metres long and 81 metres wide—the Cardinal drove round it in a jeep, sprinkling holy water on its sides as he went.

Each time the Cardinal passed in front of the main entrance, he knocked at the door. The third time he made the sign of the Cross before knocking in to be admitted.

Then, followed by the assembled clergy, to the church of the "Veni Creator," the Cardinal walked up the aisle to the altar, an immense stone weighing 3,200 kilos, where he performed the ceremony of consecration.—Reuter.

Satellite

Cape Canaveral, Mar. 24. The United States Army is expected to attempt to launch another Explorer earth satellite this week.

Specialists at the missile testing centre here said preparations for a new launching attempt were well-advanced.—France-Press.

"So Sorry!" Says US Air Force

Brisbane, Mar. 24. THE United States Fifth Air Force has apologized to the clergy in Brisbane and Ipswich for disrupting church services yesterday.

It has also apologized for the windows shattered in houses when two US fighters broke the sound barrier.

Clergymen yesterday complained that jets which buzzed Brisbane and Ipswich between 11 a.m. and noon drowned the voices of preachers and upset congregations.

The officer in charge of the Fifth Air Force task force mission, Colonel A. M. Henry, said today the two fighters, flying at nearly 800 miles an hour, were to have broken the sound barrier at a field near Amberley, but they were a little astray.—China Mail Special.

THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY

New York, Mar. 24. Pakistan today ratified the United Nations International Convention on the Abolition of Slavery.

The Convention came into force on April 30, 1957 and has been ratified by Malaya, Australia, Ecuador, Cambodia, Haiti, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Laos, the Netherlands, Rumania, Sudan, the Soviet Union and Britain.—Reuter.

Exchange Open

Buenos Aires, Mar. 24. The Buenos Aires Stock Exchange, closed since February 2 because of a strike of bank clerks, reopened today.—Reuter.

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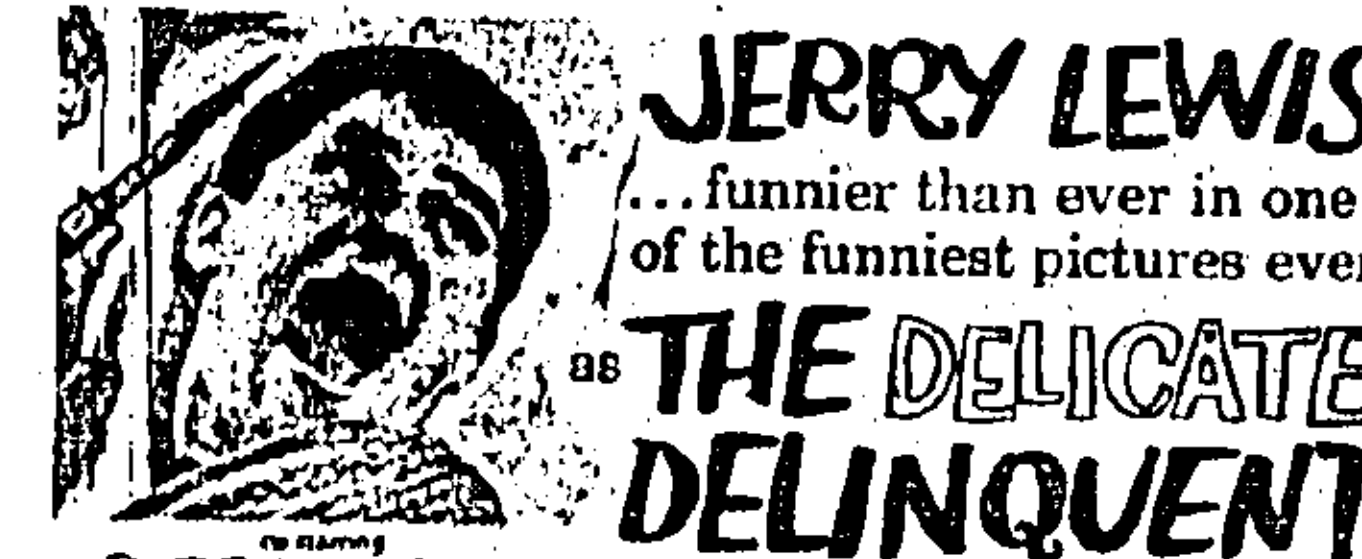


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One-Party General Elections Begin In Cold Weather

Belgrade, Mar. 24.

First results of Yugoslavia's one-party general election today indicated a record poll, with a slightly increased vote for President Tito's Communist Government.

District-by-district voting figures showed that in most places more than 90 per cent of the electorate cast votes in the election yesterday despite wintry weather.

Voters elected 301 deputies to the People's Assembly, but in only six districts did they have a choice of candidates. They also voted for 810 members of Republican assemblies, with a choice of 884 candidates.

The Communists are the only party allowed in Yugoslavia, and no political issues were at stake. Even in the districts where a contest took place, it was between personalities and the rival candidates were approved by the Socialist Alliance, the Communist Party's mass organization.

The result can be only a confidence vote for the Tito regime. There were signs that fewer people abstained than at the last election in 1953, but preliminary reports indicated a similar number of negative votes—nobody could vote against the government but they could lodge "invalid" votes by omitting to circle the candidate's number or spilling the ballot paper.

Negative

In the Cukarica district of Belgrade, President Tito was returned to Parliament with 99.3 per cent of the votes cast, and there were 240 negative votes.

All other top leaders were also elected. The number of negative votes generally was less than five per cent but at Slovenske, Slovenia, 15.2 per cent were counted. In two other Slovenian

US Authors

London, Mar. 24. Radio Moscow reported today that demand for books by American authors is increasing every year in Russia.

The broadcast said more than 4,000,000 books by American authors were published in Russia in the last three months of 1957.—United Press.

Allegation

Bonn, Mar. 24. The Yemeri Legation in Bonn today alleged that British troops in Aden attacked the Yemeri town of Assowmah with tanks on March 20, destroying "a large number" of houses and killing "many" people.—Reuter.

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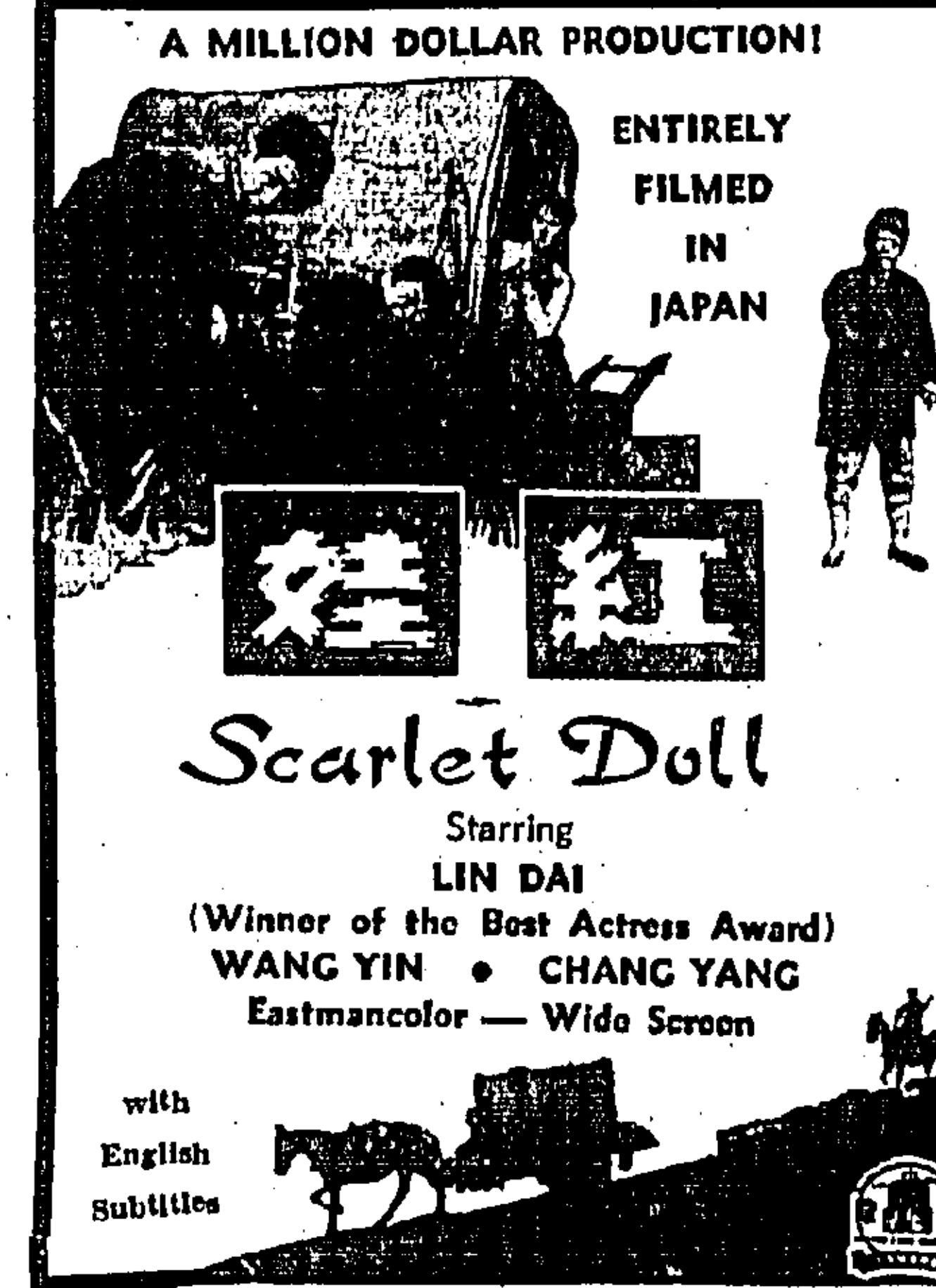
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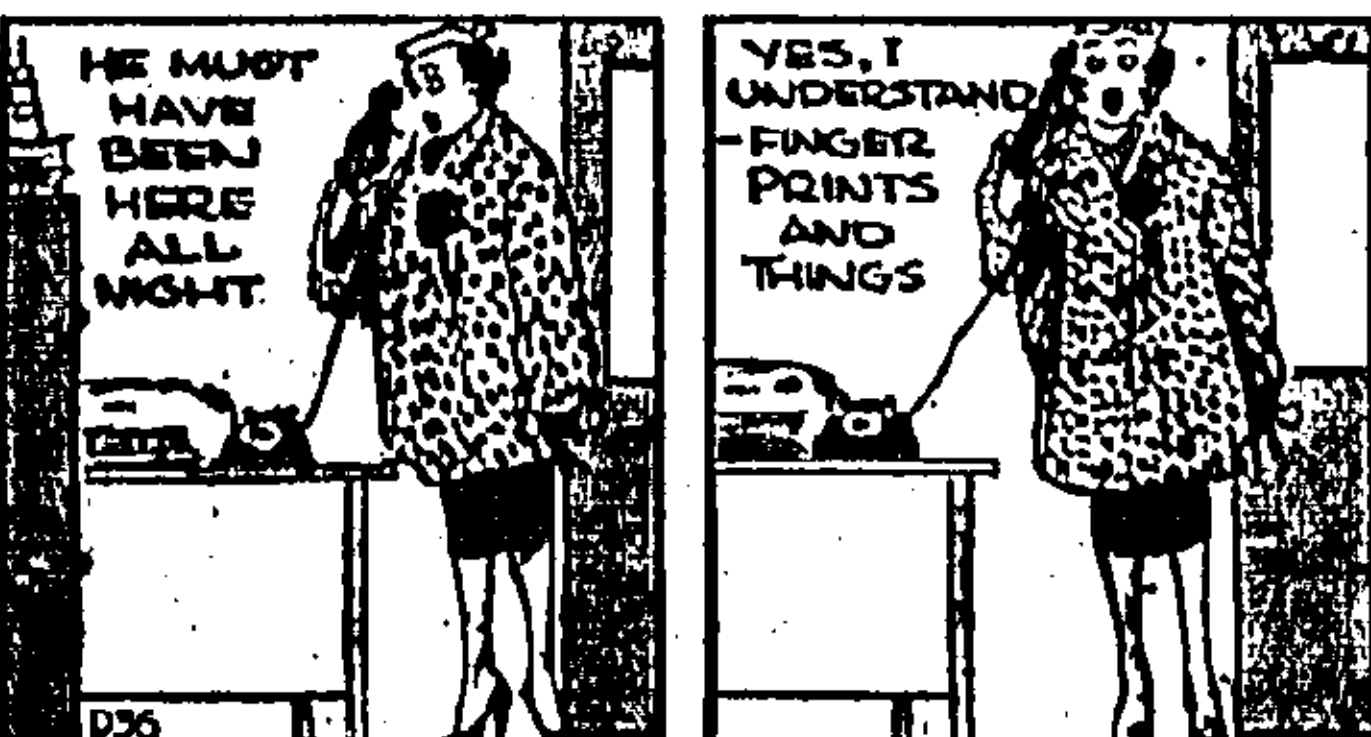
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CABLE BRIEFS

Washington, Mar. 24.
Sen. Paul H. Douglas (Democrat-Ill.), a former economics professor, offered these definitions yesterday:
A depression is "A decline of less than major proportions."
A recession is "A decline of more than major proportions."
and what we're in now is "A serious recession."—United Press.

Hollywood, Mar. 24.
M-G-M had some real gold ore mined at Kingman, Arizona, and shipped here for use in a movie. When it arrived, prop men gave it a good spraying with gold paint because "it didn't look real."—United Press.

New York, Mar. 24.
Overheard, in two separate conversations, at the current Metropolitan Museum of Art showing of paintings by Sir Winston Churchill:
"I still say he's a writer."
"Well, yes, it is art."—United Press.

Blandford, Mar. 24.
Residents of this hill town kept their sense of humor despite recent heavy snows.
A sign atop a huge pile of the white stuff says: "Caution—Polar Bear Crossing."—United Press.

New Haven, Mar. 24.
Walter Sanford, accused of looting a store, told police: "I needed the money to pay court costs of traffic violations."—United Press.

Providence, Mar. 24.
March 23 is an easy date for the family of Vincent Monti to remember.

Yesterday, a daughter was born to the Montis. Their first daughter was born on March 23 and Monti and his wife were born on March 23.—United Press.

Greenlee, Mar. 24.
David Ramsey and his wife Mary had twin girls yesterday, making their family nine in all. Only unusual aspect of the birth was that David is 86. His wife is 35.
Ramsey, a retired ship's engineer, said he has kept his youthfulness by "eating a plate of porridge every day and working hard."—United Press.

London, Mar. 24.
Air transport used by the British forces in the ill-fated expedition in the Suez Canal zone in the autumn of 1956 cost the British Treasury £850,000. It was officially announced here today.—France-Press.

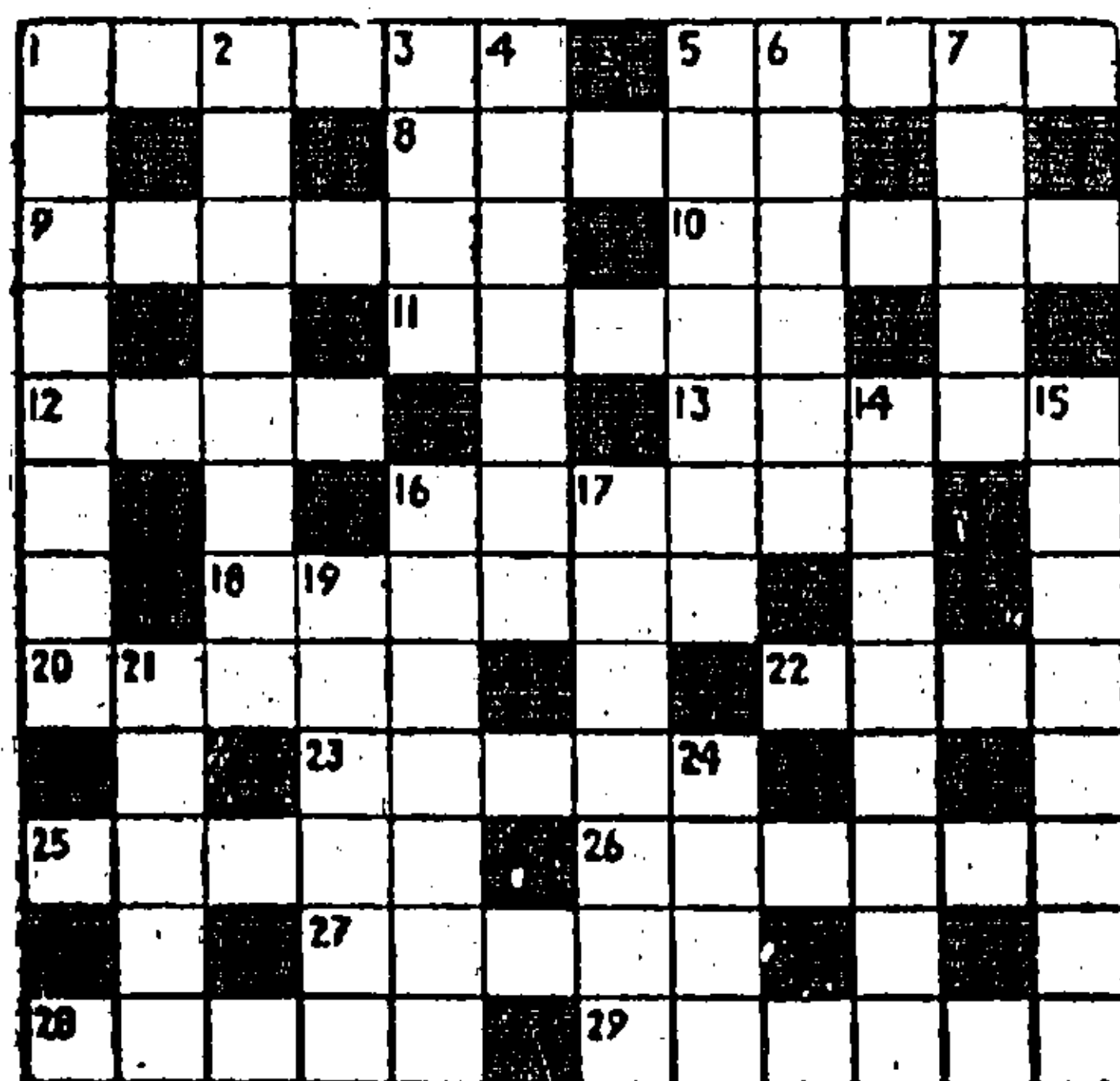
He 'Sold' Wife For £35

Butawayo, Mar. 24.
A NYSALAND African arrived here from South Africa and found that he had insufficient money for the rest of his journey to his home in Nysaland.

So he sold his wife to an African in the city on the understanding that the marriage would take place after he had left.

The Butawayo African paid £35 to the woman's husband and went off to work. When he returned, he found the woman had disappeared. Neighbors told him the husband had returned, collected his wife, and left by train for Nysaland.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 The piper's son's drum? (6).
- 5 Cut of meat (5).
- 6 No adult (5).
- 9 Eden? Could be (6).
- 10 Kind of beer (5).
- 11 Born in South Africa? (5).
- 12 Stumble (4).
- 13 Stop (5).
- 16 Deceptive exterior (6).
- 18 Did some revision (6).
- 20 Proportional relationship (5).
- 22 Airline initials (4).
- 23 Opening (5).
- 25 Hiding place for loot (5).
- 26 Eastern Mediterranean area (6).
- 27 Pierce (5).
- 28 Coffer (or cough?) (5).
- 29 Red dog (6).

DOWN

- 1 Accompanied (8).
- 2 He's all for discipline (6).
- 3 Significant indication (4).
- 4 Mosque turret (7).
- 5 Comforted (7).
- 6 Irish seaport (6).
- 7 Makes a declaration (5).
- 14 The meek are certainly not (6).
- 15 Does he carry out instruction willingly? (6).
- 17 Indiscreetly forcible (7).
- 18 Cuddles up (7).
- 19 They're all washed-up—ironically! (6).
- 21 A heavy blow may put one out of countenance (5).
- 24 Withered and yellow (4).

MONDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Answer; 5 Pitch; 8 Real; 9 Paving; 11 Apron; 12 Energy; 14 Seal; 16 Rotor; 18 Opera; 19 Asap; 20 Iberia; 24 Omega; 25 Nickel; 26 Ruddy; 27 Thrust; 28 Adonia; Down: 1 Alps; 2 Solo; 3 Erno; 4 Regret; 6 Playmate; 8 Tar-gets; 9 Hungary; 10 Iber; 13 Cornish; 14 Georgia; 16 Caviare; 17 Optic; 18 Agenda; 21 Ridd; 22 Adon; 23 Alan.

Negroes To Boycott Washington Stores

Washington, Mar. 24.
Negro ministers in Washington have urged their congregations to stay away from five leading department stores in the city on Thursday in protest against a refusal to engage Negro shop assistants.

The Rev. E. Franklin Jackson, leader of the protest movement, predicted that the stay-away-for-a-day plan would be 90 per cent effective.

The district commissioners who are responsible for the local administration of the nation's Capital are still trying to mediate in the dispute, but so far have made no headway.

Mr. Jackson said that the appeal to the congregations was not aimed at diverting business permanently from the five stores involved.

NOT PUNITIVE

"I've told my people to do all the shopping they want there on Wednesday or Friday," he said. "This is not a punitive measure. It is really an instructive one. We want to show them we have purchasing power and get them to see that the Negro wants a better break in employment."

Mr. Jackson said that the only way for the five department stores to avert Thursday's no-shopping demonstration was for them to issue a public disclaimer of discrimination in engaging employees.

He added that when the stores gave a reason for not engaging Negro shop assistants it was usually stated to be "fear of poor customer relations."

Mr. Jackson said that a dozen Negro churches would be open on Thursday as prayer centres for success of the protest.—China Mail Special.

Let Russians Do Most Of The Talking

DAG'S BID FOR DISARMAMENT

Probe Into Soviet Objections To The US Commission

Moscow, Mar. 24.

The U.N. Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjöld, plunged into an intensive round of talks with Soviet leaders today in an effort to restore U.N. influence in the field of disarmament.

The quiet Secretary went methodically about what he termed "a regular working visit." As is his custom, he uttered no word about the progress of his negotiations but the impression was he let the Russians do most of the talking on the opening day.

Informed sources believed the main purpose of the U.N. Secretary-General's visit to the Soviet capital was to probe the depths of Russian objections to the US Disarmament Commission as the main field for negotiation on East-West disarmament.

It was believed Mr. Hammarskjöld hoped to work out a compromise on the basis of what he learned from Nikita Khrushchev, Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and other Soviet leaders.

Mr. Hammarskjöld started the talks early in the morning following his arrival in Moscow late last night.

He first met the first Deputy Foreign Minister, Vasily Kuznetsov, and then went with Mr. Kuznetsov to call on the Foreign Minister, Andrei Gromyko.

Comment

All that Mr. Hammarskjöld would admit to was that he was involved in "talks on disarmament and world problems."

The talks went on over lunch at Spiridonovka Mansion, where the Swedish Secretary-General was the guest of Mr. Kuznetsov and other Foreign Ministry officials.

The Swedish Ambassador to Moscow, Rolf Solhman, also attended the lunch.

And in the afternoon Mr. Hammarskjöld had his first meeting with Mr. Khrushchev. Mr. Gromyko was again in attendance as they went over the main points of the morning's opening meetings.

SIR WINSTON TO VISIT THE US

But The Original Date Postponed

Rochester, Mar. 25.
Sir Winston Churchill still hopes to make a trip to Washington at the invitation of President Eisenhower, a member of his household at the Villa la Pausa said here today.

But the date of the visit originally fixed for the last week of April will now have to be postponed owing to his present condition following a slight recurrence of his old trouble.

When Sir Winston goes to the United States he will be accompanied by his chief personal secretary, Mr. Anthony Montague-Browne. If the trip should be of two or more weeks he might take one of his girl secretaries with him too.

Sir Winston, who is still in bed, continues to smoke cigars. "It is seldom that one sees him without a cigar. If only to take a few puffs," a member of his household said.—Reuter.

Strangled Landlady

'—TIRED OF HEARING SHE WANTED TO DIE'

Lowes, Mar. 24.
A 27-year-old student nurse, Joseph A. Pantry, was alleged today to have strangled his landlady—"the old dear under"—because he was "tired of hearing her say she wanted to die."

The jury, without retiring, declared him not guilty of the murder but guilty of manslaughter.

Mr. Pantry, aged 25, found under her bed at a boarding house in a quiet street in Lowes, a strangled woman with a scarred and a broken face.

Pantry continued the following day. He told the police that Mrs. Howlett's husband died about a year before and she was always saying she wanted to die.

'53310761, PFC Presley.

Elvis S.

Memphis, Tenn., Mar. 24.

AMERICA'S rock'n'-roll idol today held up his right hand, took the oath and became "53310761, Private Presley, Elvis S."

Later Elvis, with 14 other conscripts and seven volunteers, left by bus for Fort Chaffee in Northwest Arkansas to start eight weeks' infantry training.

Presley was appointed in charge of the party. Footnote: It will cost the United States quite a lot of money to make Presley a soldier.

The singer's net income last year was around a million dollars. Of this, 78 per cent of the first \$200,000 went in income taxes and 91 per cent of the rest.—Reuter.



Elvis Presley

The Powell Case: US Visas For Chinese Witnesses?

Testimony Of Germ Warfare Needed

San Francisco, Mar. 24.

A US lawyer said today that he was "satisfied" the government would permit the entry of Chinese witnesses to support the "germ warfare" defence of John and Sylvia Powell, who are accused of sedition.

The lawyer, Robert Schnacke, told the Court he believed visas would be granted to prospective witnesses recently interviewed by defence counsel A. L. Wirin on a precedent-shattering trip behind the Bamboo Curtain.

Sharp Rise In Japan's Suicides

Tokyo, Mar. 24.
Suicides of entire families and of young lovers showed a "marked increase" during the first two months of 1953, it was reported today.

Kyodo News Agency said a survey disclosed there were 164 cases of family suicides, an average of three a day, during the period.

Forty-six young couples, including 28 teen-agers, took their lives in January and February. The vacation couple of Nikko near Tokyo was the most popular, five couples committed suicide there in one day alone, breaking an 83-year-old record.—United Press.

Take Care Of Mother, Todd's Pilot Told Son

Fair Haven, N.J., Mar. 24.

The 10-year-old son of Mike Todd's pilot, William Verner, said today, "I want to be a pilot anyway" even though his father was killed with the showman and two other men.

Verner's last word to his fledgling airman son, Rodney, and two younger children, was tucked to a clipboard in the family kitchen here. It read:

"Take care of your mother while I'm gone."

The message, which seemed to acquire a fatal new significance to the family, had been intended to cover the period from last Tuesday to Saturday when the plane was scheduled to land at Linden airport.

Both Verner and his co-pilot, Thomas Barclay, 34, of Meluchen, New Jersey, were killed with Todd and screen writer Art Cohn, in the crash.

Mrs. Verner was immediately with grief and under a physician's care.

Verner was a dedicated flier, according to friends. He had flown Todd and his actress-wife, Elizabeth Taylor, for six months, most recently to Europe in Todd's 12-passenger twin-engine Lockheed.

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He Sent Lions To Kill Wife's Lover

Zomba, Mar. 24.
Chief Na Mtwile II received a report that a man of Mtwile in Nyusaland and his witch-doctor had sent lions to a nearby village to eat the lover of the man's wife.

The report said that the two men had warned a relative to remove his daughter because the lions might not be able to discriminate between their intended victim and others.

The Chief sent messengers to arrest the man and the witch-doctor.

They were acquitted and the man who had reported them to the chief was fined £5 (or six months' imprisonment) and ordered to pay £7/10 to each of the accused.—France-Press.

Packing Case For Furniture

Girl Who Met Queen Mother Returns Home—To A Hovel!

Melbourne, Mar. 24.

A 15-year-old aboriginal girl, Ruth Daylight, who recently delighted the Queen Mother when she was presented to her in Canberra, has returned to her home—a filthy hovel at Hall's Creek, in outback northwest Australia, the Melbourne Herald reported today.

Its Darwin correspondent, Douglas Lockwood, wrote: "At Hall's Creek, I saw Ruth Daylight, the girl who made that delightful curtsy to the Queen Mother, curtsy for her own mother to show how it was done."

"But instead of the imposing walls of Karrakatta, the Governor-General's residence in Canberra, the backdrop today was a filthy hovel, only three feet high, where Ruth

lives with her mother and four other Daylight children.

"In the many years that I have been in the outback I have seen some grim native camps."

"But I have seen few things worse than the hovel on the creek where this beautiful aboriginal girl is living—within 200 yards of Hall's Creek township."

"The only furniture I saw inside the hovel was one upturned packing case."

"A big cattle dog also lives in the humpy."

LONG WAY

"It is a long way down from Lennons Hotel in Brisbane where Ruth and the other Hall's Creek children stayed—the plush suite, the bedside telephones, the inner spring beds, the private bath, the room service, the midnight supper."

In Sydney today the Superintendent of the Australian Indian Mission, the Rev. J. S. Mackay, expressed surprise at the report.

"I haven't heard anything about it," he said.

"When Ruth was in Sydney she gave no indication she wanted to get away from the place."

Mr. Mackay said he would send a telegram to Hall's Creek immediately.

When Ruth was presented to her in Canberra the Queen Mother showed great interest in the child and questioned officials about her future.

They said she would return to her home in Hall's Creek.—China Mail Special.

Largest Single Road Plan In Britain's History

London, Mar. 24.
Work began today on the largest single road scheme in British history—the completion of a double-track highway between London and Birmingham.

The motorway—the first new national highway to be built in Britain this century—is due to be completed within 18 months.

Part of the highway, at the London and Birmingham approaches, has already been completed.

The work which began today will carry the motorway from St Albans, Hertfordshire, to Birmingham.

CONTRACTS

Contracts for the construction of this 70-mile stretch of road amount to about £20 million.

On completion, it will be possible to travel the 100 miles between the two cities on twin carriageway roads.

When work, on the highway as at its peak, 2,700 men and 1,000 major pieces of road-making machinery will be employed.

Two aircraft will be used for supervision and for bringing spares to keep the machinery running.

There will be 150 bridges, 200 "fly-overs" and "fly-unders" and three viaducts over rivers.

To complete the work within the schedule, the construction teams must build, on an average, one mile of double-carriageway road every nine days.—Reuter.

Widow Gets Assistance

Oakville, Mar. 24.
Residents of this area have now raised more than \$14,000 for an Italian woman whose husband was killed while she and her two children were en route to Canada.

Mrs. Carmela Esposito told a variety show audience last night that she would start a new life in Canada.

Her husband, Luigi, was killed when he fell from a bridge on his way to work.—United Press.

Negro GI And White Bride Can't Live In Mississippi

Laurel, Miss., Mar. 24.
A Negro soldier who brought his German wife here for a visit to his parents was warned by law officers that they could not settle in Mississippi.

The County Attorney, Leonard Melvin, identified the Negro as Johnny Wheeler, a sergeant in the Army. Mr. Melvin said he "understood that both the Negro and his wife have left Jones County."

Mississippi law provides a maximum penalty of 10 years' imprisonment for Negroes and whites living together as man and wife. Mr. Melvin said several persons "called it to our attention" that Wheeler and his wife "were riding around together all over the county and were being seen in various places together."

Mr. Melvin said officers "told them it was against the law for them to live together here."

The Attorney said Sergeant Wheeler was being transferred to California and had stopped here to visit his parents.—United Press.

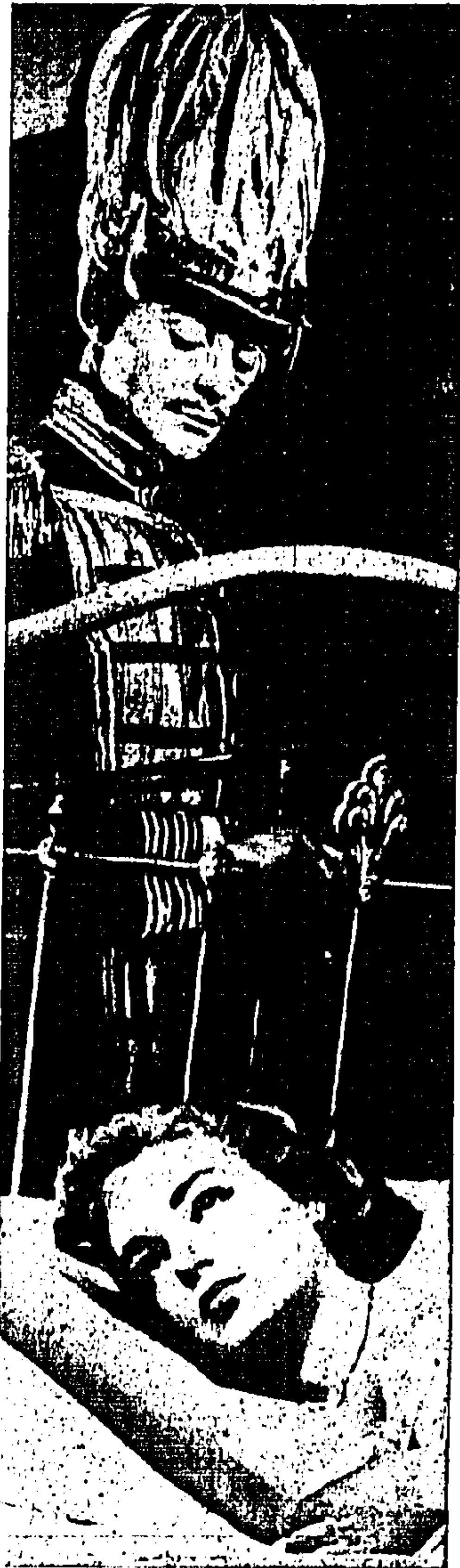
New Soviet Airliner's Test Run

London, Mar. 24.
The new Soviet 75-seat IL-18 turbo-prop airliner has completed its first long flight, a 17,200 kilometre (about 10,700 miles) round trip from Moscow, it was reported today by Moscow Radio.

The Radio said the flight took the plane over a Soviet floating scientific station in the Arctic. It was completed with three intermediate stops in 30 hours. During more than 70 test flights the plane climbed to an altitude of ten kilometres (about six miles), the Radio added.—China Mail Special.

Maybe you won't agree . . . but for my money the world's most exciting woman

by LEONARD MOSLEY



THE SIGNORET LOOK as seen in *La Ronde*. Cavalier Gerard Philippe is fascinated.

MOST men spend their lives trying to be sensible, decent, rational, and accommodating about sex—and it doesn't get us anywhere, does it? We tell ourselves that the qualities we desire in women are sympathy, kindness, and goodness of heart. And what happens?

A female walks in who demonstrates from the jut of her chin, the glint in her eye, and the haughty sway of her body that she doesn't care a damn for anyone in the room but herself, and every male in sight mentally lifts up a club and roars off on the chase.

So let us face the fact that it is the challenge in a woman that sets a man on fire.

And for me a woman named Simone Signoret is the challenge. I know plenty of girls who are prettier than Simone. I certainly know hundreds who are younger.

She has the body and looks of someone who has been around for quite a long time, and never found it desirable to stilt herself of what life has to offer. Thirty-six. That's how old she is.

Yet if you were to lock me in a room with Monroe, Mansfield, Vivien Leigh, Audrey Hepburn, and this full-blown, middle-aged blonde, do I need to tell you which four I would usher on to the fire-escape?

And for whose sake I would thereupon throw away the key and close the window against the world?

Into battle

Simone Signoret—let me not be meagre or mealy in my language—makes the others look, feel, and sound insipid. She is the epitome of everything in woman for which any man will happily go to battle.

Most filmgoers in England know this healthy female animal only if they have seen some of the better French films over the past few years. She

was the woman who drove Serge Reggiani to distraction (and also to the guillotine) in a brilliant gangster epic called "Golden Marie."

She was the ruthless murderer in a study in fear and panic called "The Fiends."

But now she has come to England to make a British film. She will play the part of the other, older woman in the film version of a Yorkshire novel called "Room At The Top."

And to everyone who says: "But why cast a French woman in the part of a female who comes from Bradford?" I have an answer.

For she alone, I think, can give this role of a woman who is not afraid of anything and anyone, particularly men, all the muscle and sinew of sex which it demands.

Simone Signoret is the most invigorating, stimulating, and challenging woman on the screen at the moment.

I only wish, when I have lunch with her later, she will aim her challenge in my direction.

Why did she get the job?

NOT many women and very few actresses, would sit surrounded by men in a fashionable restaurant without a scrap of make-up on their faces.

Yet that is how Simone Signoret, the French actress, presented herself in London the other day. Her attitude seemed more startling when film producer James Woolf said: "We chose Signoret for this role because none of the available British actresses had enough sex appeal to play it."

She is not beautiful by ordinary standards. She does not even want to be. She said: "I know I have not got a cat in hell's chance of looking pretty. But, fortunately, I realised that 10 years ago. Up till then I was all make-up and feathers, like many young girls." She always dresses, in sack-line suits which are chic but only suggest her figure. She has ravish-

ing legs—which are rarely photographed.

She explained: "I remember the advice given to me by the director of the first film I made. He said: 'Sex appeal should never be vulgar.'"

'Oh, unfair'

Sex appeal? She shrugged her shoulders and said: "It is there with most women when they let it show through. It cannot be put on, with make-up or anything. It is better just to be a woman."

Do British actresses lack sex appeal? Elizabeth Sellers said:

"Oh, how unfair. Could Sir Gordon Richards win the Derby without the right horse? Well, I would challenge any Continental actress to breathe sex appeal into some of the cart-horse women I have to play."

Yvonne Mitchell said: "Oh, how typical. British film producers always think a sexy girl can be only either foreign or a dumb blonde. Either way she must be screamingly obvious. But, come to think of it, I think the only actors with sex appeal are foreign. Not the English pretty boys."

Margaret Johnston said: "Oh, it doesn't surprise me. A top-flight actress should be able to assume sex appeal like any other emotion. But producers just don't believe that of British actresses. Think of the trouble Deborah Kerr had to prove it."

John Lambert

ALGIERS NEWSLETTER

from SAM WHITE

A MINISTER, A MAYOR AND A GENERAL

The top three

in a land of terror

ALGIERS.

THREE remarkable men dominate the Algerian scene. They are the Resident Minister for Algeria, M. Robert Lacoste, the Jesuit-educated 47-year-old Mayor of Algiers, M. Jacques Chevallier, and the paratroop general who commands the Algerian Region, 49-year-old General Jacques Massu.

Take Lacoste first. A former trade union leader, he greatly resembles in his stubbornness and earthy patriotism the late Ernest Bevin.

And like Bevin he enjoys the confidence of his Socialist Party leader, M. Mollet.

This is important because in the state of the present French Parliament no government can be formed without the Socialists. Furthermore, to the 1,200,000 Europeans here, Lacoste has become such a symbol of resistance to the rebels that any move to depose him would very likely reproduce the very riots which led to his appointment two years ago.

Resolute foe

What happened to this veteran member of a traditionally anti-Colonialist party which makes him such a resolute foe of the Nationalists?

Lacoste told me: "Algeria is not a colonial problem like the others. The bulk of the Europeans here are humble folk who have been here for generations and have a right to remain."

"I felt we could not abandon them to a Cairo-inspired rebellion. Take it from me, that a Right-Wing government in Paris

would long ago have rattled on these people."

He is convinced that the overwhelming majority of Muslims do not want independence but only complete equality as French citizens.

Intellectual

Chevallier, a Catholic intellectual, is by temperament and background the complete opposite of Lacoste.

A one-time Minister in the Mendes-France Government, he has been the brilliantly successful Mayor of Algiers since 1953.

His great achievement has been a series of superb building projects which have provided cheap flats for nearly 2,000 families numbering some 37,000 people.

These flats are divided on a 50-50 basis between European and Muslim families.

He enjoys tremendous prestige among the Muslims. Relations between him and Lacoste are often difficult.

Chevallier was an outspoken critic of the repressive measures used in Algiers to purge the city of terrorists.

And the Army

General Massu is a tall, hawk-nosed man who served under Leclerc during the war. He and his paratroopers smashed the terrorists in Algiers.

He was given this job when the police were overwhelmed by it, and he did it with ruthless efficiency.

Surprisingly enough, he is politically well on the Left.

He believes that reforms should have followed swiftly on the heels of repression and he bitterly regrets that the French Parliament wasted precious months before finally passing the framework laws.

The basic tragedy of Algeria is that the rebellion is taking

place at a time of a great French Renaissance, and nowhere is this Renaissance more evident than in Algeria itself.

In the past two years there has been unleashed here a burst of reforming zeal of such energy and imagination that it is transforming the country.

The main engine for what is virtually a social revolution is the army, and what a magnificent army it is.

It is an army which does more than fight.

Clears slums

It clears slums, builds houses, re-settles entire villages, teaches in schools, administers health services, short-circuits bureaucracy on behalf of nomadic Muslims and generally does everything but baby-sit.

Take the hideous "Bldonville" (so-called because the shacks are made from bins) on the outskirts of Algiers.

There until recently 15,000 Arabs who flocked into Algiers for seasonal work as dockers lived in appalling squalor on a 24-acre allotment.

On an absurdly small budget, 15 paratroop officers detached from normal army service have worked a miracle here.

They are in the process of demolishing the shacks and putting in their place wooden homes.

Even these are temporary, for already plans are being made to replace these with 14-storey apartment houses.

Even as the demolition work goes forward, schools and medical centres function in the area, and a local council made up from the Muslims helps in the administration.

Is it too late to win back the Muslims on the basis of the promise of full equality?

There are ominous signs that it may be so.

Incidental Intelligence: Half the Muslim population of 9,000,000 is under 20. At the rate the Muslim birth-rate is increasing there will be 20 million Muslims here, in 25 years' time.

Quotes of the week—M. Lacoste: "I feel I am defending France here."

General Massu, on being asked his reply to critics of his policy: "I shall continue."

A senior French officer: "What would happen if we moved out? Either to Americans or the Russians would move in. We know the job here. Why should we leave the task of modernising this country to someone else?"

(London Express Service).



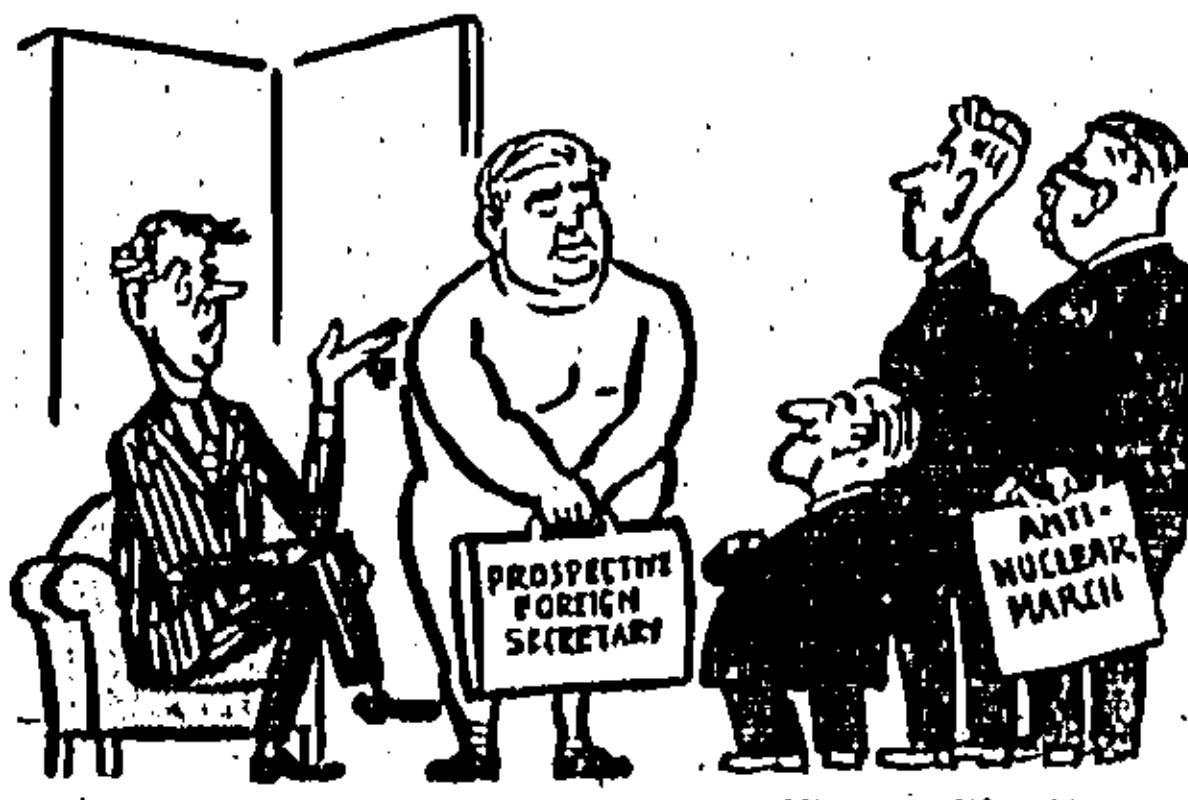
PICTURE BY EXPRESS PHOTOGRAPHER ALAN MEKE.

THE SIGNORET LOOK, demonstrated as she kept an appointment with Photonews, "I know," she says. "I haven't a cat in hell's chance of looking pretty."

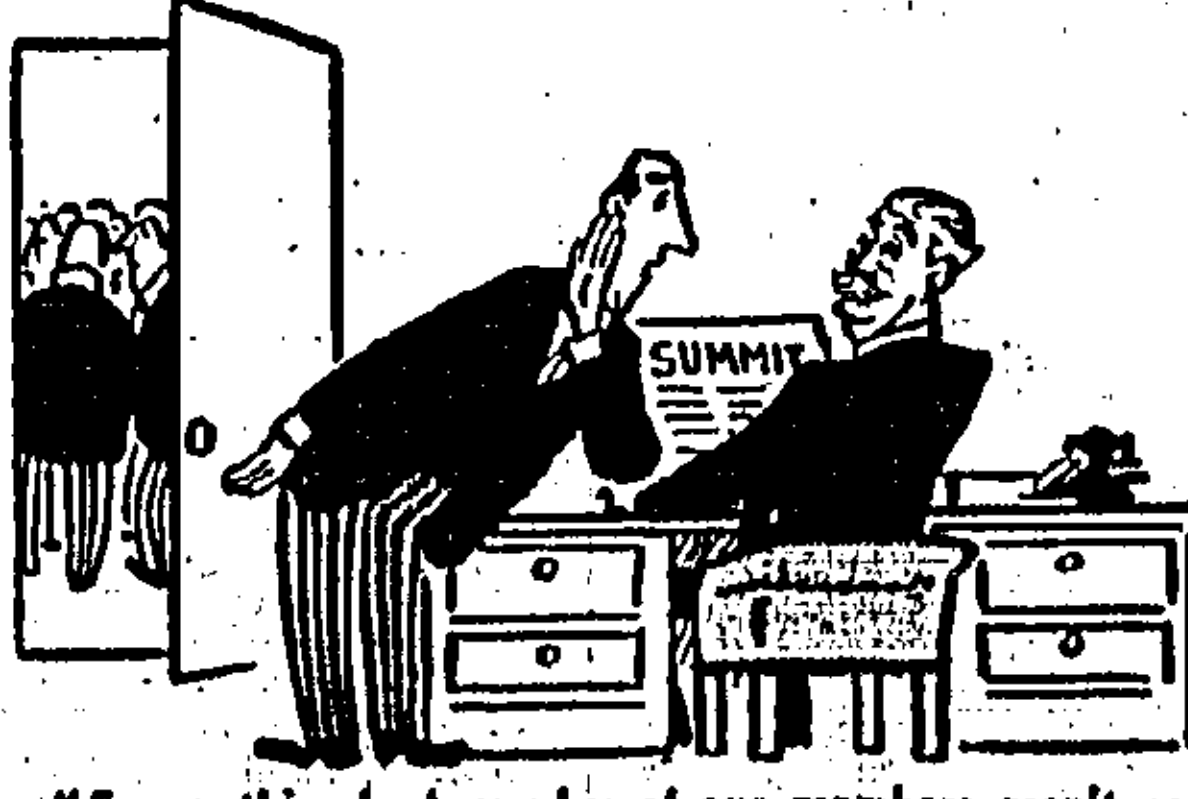
Friell



"And if anything happens to me it is your job to take over the appalling burden of office."



"I want you to see just what it will look like if you send him naked into the council chamber."



"Funny thing! A number of our members aren't so keen on a Foreign Ministers' Conference since you said Selwyn Lloyd had no intention of resigning."

ROUND UP

Rome

EX-KING Farouk of Egypt is being sued by Rome's leading jeweller for payment for two snuff boxes which once belonged to Frederick the Great of Prussia.

Jeweller Giorgio Bulgari claims in his action that Farouk ordered the snuff boxes while he was still King of Egypt. He made an advance payment, says Bulgari, but the balance, amounting to "tens of millions of lire" has not been paid.

In his reply to the claim, Farouk says that he ordered the snuff boxes in his position as king. When he abdicated in 1952 they were seized together with all the other jewels belonging to the crown by Nasser and his revolutionary officers. "Therefore," says Farouk, "I am not liable."

No definite date has been fixed for the hearing, but it is expected to be soon.

Meanwhile, Farouk has been told that while Italy is pleased to have him living here, it would be better for the ex-king to take a holiday abroad during the visit of Nasser to Rome at the end of May.

Nicosia

CYPRIOIS who intend going to Britain for medical treatment have been warned by the Director of Government Medical Services that it will cost them at least £46 a week—excluding specialists' fees.

Hundreds of Cypriots have flocked to Britain in the past with no intention of working or settling there. They return with brand-new hearing aids or false teeth supplied free by Britain's National Health Service.

Now it is to stop. Would-be patients are instructed to make their own arrangements for admission into private hospital wards—unless sponsored by the Government—otherwise applications for passports will be refused.

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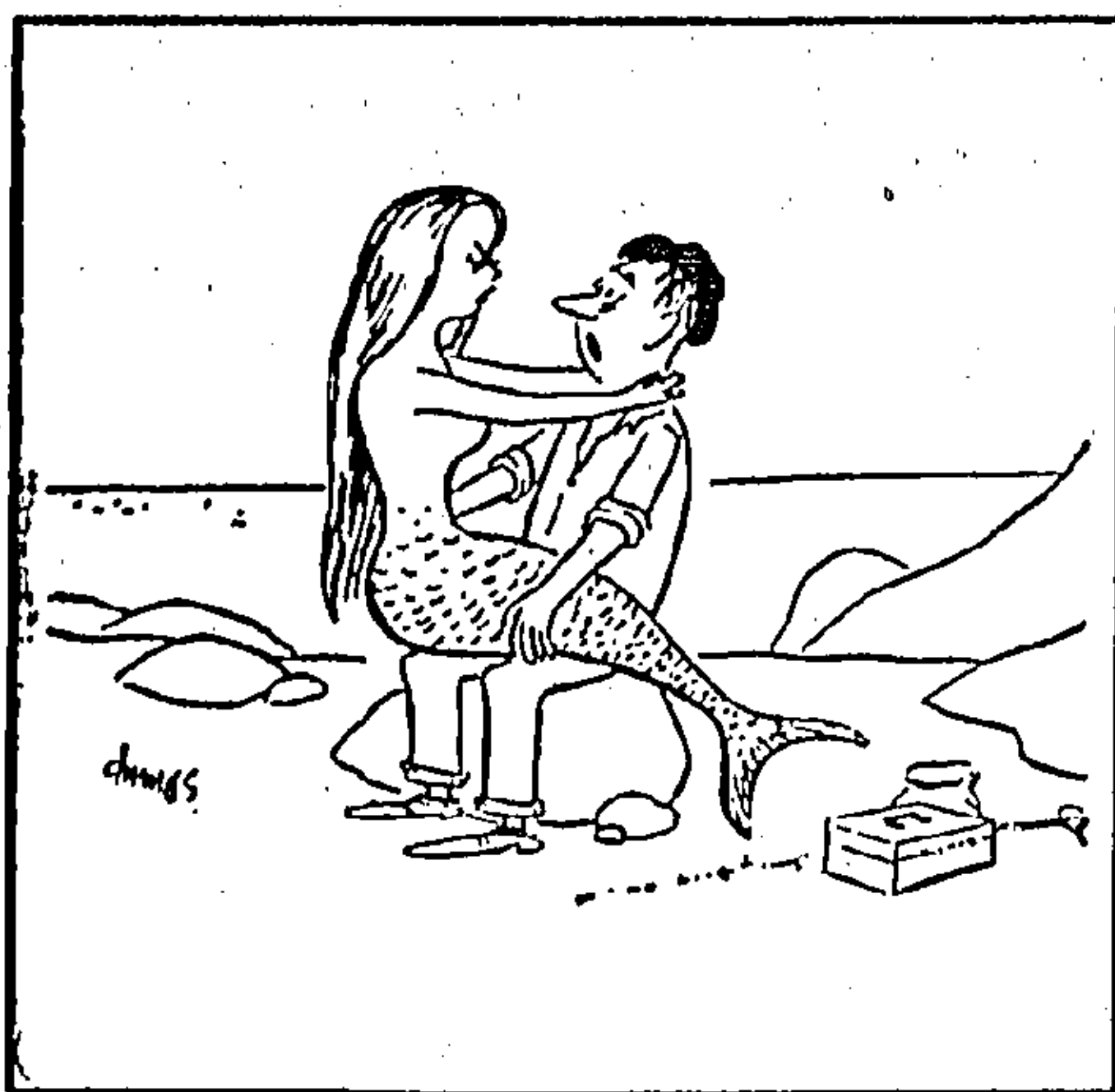
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This Funny World



"I'd ask you to have lunch with me, but all I have is sardine sandwiches."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

I READ of a girl who pulled at the moustache of the man she was dancing with, suspecting that it was false. But it did not come off. It was real. What is the next move on such occasions? The girl can either pretend she only tugged in fun, or still remaining suspicious, she may pull his nose. If that feature too is real, she can go home happily and say to her parents: "Everything's O.K. Cyril's nose and moustache are real. He is not deceiving me." "What about his ears?" asks the cautious father. And at the next dance the poor man has his ears pulled. A girl cannot be too careful.

In passing

THE more sensitive among our politicians are disturbed and shocked by the tendency of so many "ignorant and emotional" people to question the wisdom and the morality of mass destruction as a prevention of war. In the serene and unemotional atmosphere of party politics our representatives can be trusted to explain why the end justifies the means, and why the rational idea of the destruction of millions is preferable to the emotional demand for an honourable attempt to survive.

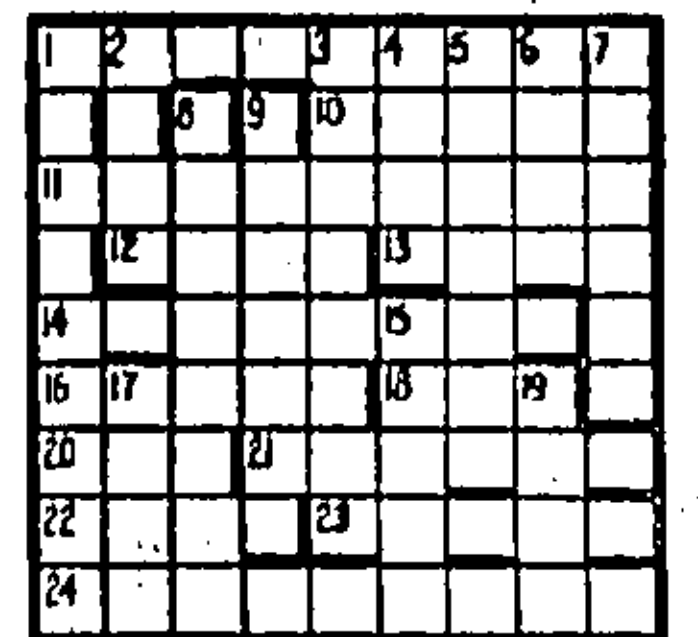
The car trick again

THE other day Foulencough did his car trick again to keep up his spirits. He chose a gleaming, first-lump of luxury which was standing outside a jeweller's. Just as he had opened the far door and climbed in, the owner, a half-starved painted doll, got in at the door nearest the kerb. Foulencough raised his hat, said, "I haven't a moment," pushed past the astounded lady, and got out on to the pavement. "Drive on, Bulmer," said Foulencough to the chauffeur. "Take this lady wherever she wants to go."

She is a mere wisp

"BEFORE taking Snibbo," writes Mrs. Orphie, "I had to get through my back door sideways, and I broke eight chairs in four days just by sitting on them. Today I am so thin that my husband won't let me go out in a high wind. 'Millicent' he says, 'I don't want to have you blown away.' And we both think, 'Good old Snibbo!'"

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Seaside walk. (9)
 2. Imbecile. (5)
 3. Made again. (9)
 4. Lie about. (5)
 5. One who is down. (8)
 6. Silence. (10)
 7. Oricket decision. (3)
 8. The late Mr. Slaughter. (3)
 9. Willshire and so on. (6)
 10. First lady's daughters. (3)
 11. Term of duty. (13)
 12. Abandoned. (10)
- Down
1. Dampier too (anag.). (9)
 2. Cotton-holder. (4)
 3. A 14 Across down. (8)
 4. Dilemma. (7)
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YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

BORN today, you are able to organize your life expertly so that you get exactly what you want out of it. Your ambitions are high but so is your ability to work. You may aspire to great heights and provide many a young man with a lesson in humility. You are a natural habit-former and you should use this exceptional talent in some other area of endeavour. Discover early in life what this is and then concentrate all your efforts on cultivating this gift.

For one who is so artistic, you are also highly practical. Fairly shrewd in your business negotiations, you are not one to come out on the wrong side of any business deal. You are not the type to starve long in any style for your art, either. You have decided opinions and plan to put them into operation. Opposition means little or nothing to you, for you merely work all the harder to overcome it. You have a keen and penetrating

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Another day when the lights are green for all your activities, but don't be so busy that you neglect romance.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Plan to hold to normal activities. New experiments related to business and a pleasantly social evening.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Your ideas and personal charm can make a winning combination. Put your best foot forward today. Get what you want, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 21)—There is definite improvement in your present outlook. Keep an eye open for an advantageous opportunity.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 21)—Educational matters come up for careful consideration, if not for yourself, perhaps for your children.

VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 21)—Good common sense will help you to a wise new prospect. There is an unexpected reward for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 22-Oct. 21)—A variety of interests may vie for your attention. Make sure you select the significant one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 22-Nov. 21)—Partnership affairs, especially when it comes to a financial deal, need your careful attention at this time. There may be shopping to attend to. This could be a good day to find exactly what you want. Read the advertisements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Pay close attention to current problems. Give new ventures a good chance until you have investigated thoroughly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)—Yesterday's good aspects follow through today, especially if you are industrious and work hard at your tasks.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—A carefully-written letter may improve your career prospects. You might even take a business trip with profit.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Defence Squeeze Sets No-Trump

By OSWALD JACOBY

SOUTH won the opening diamond lead with the jack and played his ace of spades. His next play was the king of hearts and Generous George sitting East allowed it to hold the trick. The ten of hearts was overtaken by dummy's jack and George held off again. George also refused to cover the jack or the ten of spades and declarer remained in dummy.

Now declarer led a club and George went up with the king. By this time George knew where every card was and was ready

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♥	Q J 9 3		
♦	7		
♣	7 5 4 3		
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♥	7 5	♥ A 8 4 2	
♦	A 10 9 8 6 4 2	♦ 5 3	
♣	6 2	♣ A K 10	
SOUTH			
♠	A K 9 7		
♥	K 10 6		
♦	K Q J		
♣	Q J 2		
Both vulnerable			
East	South	West	North
1♣	Double	1♥	♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
Opening lead—♦ 10			

for one of his best generous plays.

He played the ace and his small heart.

"Thank you for the heart trick," said South. "I never could have made it without your generosity."

"Don't mention it," said George. "By the way, you have to make a discard from your own hand."

Sure enough South had to make a discard and he was in a complete squeeze. He tried to make the best of a bad job by discarding his jack of clubs. Then he played a club from dummy and George simply took his ace of clubs to drop South's queen and continued the squeeze by cashing the ten of clubs.

This time South let the queen of diamonds go whereupon all West's diamonds were good. George's generosity had set the hand two tricks.

South would have made the hand if he had played a second diamond at some early stage but South had overlooked that play.

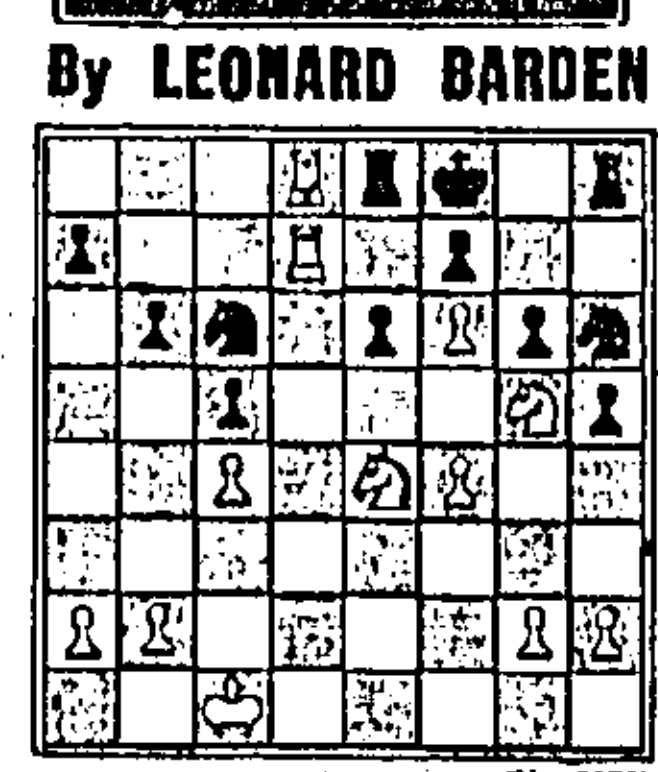
CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East
1♣ Double Redbl. 2♥
3♦ Pass 4♣ Pass
You, North, hold:
♠QJ84 ♡Q7543 ♣AKQ1092
What do you bid?
A—Six spades. At the worst the slam should depend on a club finesse and the bidding indicates a high probability that the finesse will be right.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Again you are South and hold:
♠AK9765 ♡QK76438565
The bidding is as above. East passes your partner's six-spade bid. What do you do now?
Answer Tomorrow

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



From actual play (won by Nimzovitch); White to move and win.

TARGET

R	N	E
I	E	E
R	F	T

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left in making each word, the letters in the square on the right must be used in each of the words. Each word must contain at least one letter from the square on the left. No proper names, words, or words of four letters or more. VOWELS: A, E, I, O, U, Y. CONSONANTS: B, C, D, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V, W, X, Z. VOWELS: A, E, I, O, U, Y. CONSONANTS: B, C, D, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V, W, X, Z.

WOMANSENSE

Doctor For Congress Lists Heart Hazards

By IDA JEAN KAIN

SCIENCE has increased life expectancy by almost two decades...but still an alarming number of executives, including members of Congress, have heart attacks in middle age. Searching for the answer to this number one health menace of our times, I interviewed Dr. George Calver, attending physician for the Supreme Court and Congress.

The chief heart-tiring hazard of business men and congressmen alike is excess exercise—on the week-end, that is. "They try to crowd in exercise on Saturday and Sunday after spending the week getting soft," the doctor commented. "The human machine won't stand up under that treatment," he cautioned.

OBLIGATIONS

A congressman's social obligations with those big dinners and rich viands was placed second

on the list of hazards. The doctor explained it this way: "Eating foods of a too high caloric value tends to build up a higher blood fat than is advisable. This can lead to hardening of the arteries and increased blood pressure with the usual complications of cardiovascular, live and kidney disease."

PARTIES?

What does Dr. Calver think of the ubiquitous cocktail party? "Cocktail parties are an invention of the hostess who can find no easy way of getting a lot of people together and feeding them a lot of unneeded food."

The third hazard is the heavy work load under pressure. "The stress of administrative responsibilities causes a distortion of the normal hormonal pattern with the result that tissue nutrition is more easily upset. Also, overactive mental processes defeat their getting the proper amount of restful sleep at night," the doctor summed up.

His prescription for a longer life for members of Congress

and executives in general is one that could put all of us back on our feet—literally. The doctor advocates walking. "The best time to walk is before breakfast....walk the first thing in the morning and your brain will be fresh and more active. Start with a 15 minute leisurely walk and build up...after two or three days you'll feel like walking for 20 minutes and later for an hour. The walking rate should be suited to individual capacity."

OVEREATING

Summed up: The combination of over-exercise on week-ends, overeating of rich fare, and working under pressure is the prime reason for the high rate of heart attacks in the middle age group. Our increased stress and strain stems from the fact that we are trying to live too fast.

The average executive audits his business efficiently, and sees to it that the car is greased and the engine tuned up...but neglects his body. Dr. Calver observed. Well, there are no spare parts for the human machine.

BE A GOOD LISTENER



By JEANNE D'ARCY

SHE looks interested and, says French-born Etchika Chorea, Hollywood newcomer, that's the big secret of success.

THERE'S one thing every man in the world likes: a woman who is a good listener. But how many girls are?

They dash out on a date and proceed to take over vocally.

Does Harry care about what happened in the office? Is he interested in the details of Mary's new romance? Is he bored by gossip? You bet!

Control Of Interest

A man enjoys holding the centre of the floor and, like it or not, this is something every girl should learn if she wants to be popular!

The quiet little mouse sometimes wins out over the glamorous vivacious beauty because she listens. Maybe it's because she doesn't have very much to say anyway, but that's not the point. She's an audience, some-

thing every man goes for in a big way. But listening doesn't mean keeping your mouth clamped tight shut all night long. Not on your life! A good listener is a person who:

- Looks interested.
- Makes comments.
- Asks questions but, d. Lets the speaker hold the floor.

Sympathetic Audience

Men like to talk, but they like to feel their audience is sympathetic. The girl who says nothing at all is just as much of a social wastout as the girl who talks too much, is too witty, too amusing.

The comments a man we know made about two girls rather sums up the subject:

"Jill!" he said. "She should have been a senator. She knows how to filibuster."

"Mary? A date with her's no fun. Who enjoys a monologue?"

WITH YOUR HAT ON THE BACK OF YOUR HEAD

THE Queen's milliner, Kate Day, shows these Spring hats in London. The trend is for back tilted styles in polished straw and felt beretons perched right on the back of the head.



Here is Sugar Candy, in minutely striped straw drawn over to one side. It bunches out in streamers that reach to the shoulder.



This perky pillbox is called Sweetie Pie. Violets are pinned on the forehead with an emerald velvet bow. Pale green tulle cages the face.



Serenade is a face-framing picture hat in rose-printed straw, swathed over the crown and draped behind with matching rose-spattered chiffon.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Weeping Willy's Problem

—He Was Afraid He Wasn't Useful To Anybody—

By MAX TRELL

"THERE he goes," Mr. Punch was saying. "There he goes—right up the chimney!"

At this moment, Knarf, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, with his two friends Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Howatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian, came into the room.

Shouted In Alarm

Hearing Mr. Punch saying that someone had just gone up the chimney, Knarf and Teddy both shouted in alarm: "Who went up the chimney, Mr. Punch?"

A very old friend of mine," said Mr. Punch.

Howatha shook his head gloomily and said: "Bah! Anybody is very foolish to go up a chimney."

"Well, I don't know about that," said Mr. Punch. "Weeping Willy was quite happy about it."

"Did you say Weeping Willy?" Knarf asked. "Was that the name of your very good friend who just went up the chimney?" Mr. Punch nodded.

Near The Pond

"That was his name all right. I wonder if any of you knew Weeping Willy when he used to stand down by the edge of the pond?"

"I don't know anybody that stood down by the edge of the pond except a Frog," said Knarf.

"I knew a little boy who stood down by the edge of the pond," said "Teddy," "but his name wasn't Weeping Willy." Howatha shook his head gloomily.

Knew Him Better

"That's the one I mean! You all called him Weeping Willy. I knew him better. I called him Weeping Willy."

"He didn't really weep, of course. He just stood there, looking sad, with his branches drooping over like a girl who never bothered to comb her hair."

"The fact of the matter is," Mr. Punch went on, "nobody could ever find out what made Weeping Willy so sad. Everybody who lived down by the pond and everybody who lived in the pond were happy. Owl, who lived inside Willy's trunk, said he was the only one who

ever heard Willy talk about himself.

"I'm not as good as all the other trees," Willy said. "They're all useful. People use them to build houses with. But nobody ever pays any attention to me. I wish I could grow cherries or apples or pears or peaches. I'm good for nothing, I am."

Blow Him Over

"Then, one night last year," Mr. Punch went on, "a strong wind came along and blew poor Weeping Willy over. He fell to the ground. The farmer came along the next day and sawed poor Weeping Willy into little logs and put him in the woodshed."

"Then, tonight," said Mr. Punch, "Willy was put in the fireplace. You can't imagine what a bright, cheerful, crackling, dancing flame he made! You never would have recognized the old and Weeping Willy who didn't think he was good for anything."

"Weeping Willy wasn't helping to build a house like the



The farmer sawed Weeping Willy into little logs.

oak trees," said Mr. Punch. "He wasn't giving fruit like the apple and cherry and pear and peach trees. He wasn't giving shade like the maple trees. But he was giving a wonderful, cheerful heat to everyone in the whole house."

"Yes, Weeping Willy just went up the chimney in smoke, but he wasn't weeping any more. He was happy."

Rupert and the Lost List—42



The Gollings takes the tiny bottle with a sigh of relief. "My, but you're wonderful," he cries. "You've got me out of all my troubles! Once the reminder is better, I can carry the toy down and the monkey and me away to the tangle in the sky. I wish I could do something to repay you."



"You can," laughs Rupert. "You can tell me how to get to the village through this fog." "Why, that's easy," says Golly, pointing. "Just keep on in this direction." So Rupert watches him go away. Then he starts for home.

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Afterthought: For the sauce, use, if you like, thick mushroom soup (tinnet or packeted) with cooked onions.

With the lamb, fry peas and diced carrots, warmed in a little butter.

PORK AND PINEAPPLE

Slimmer 2 to 2½lb. pickled pork (or bacon) allowing 20 minutes a pound. Remove skin. Spread surface with one teaspoon dry mustard and a tablespoon brown sugar. Glaze with a low grill. Sprinkle dried tinned pineapple rings with a little sugar and glaze them. For sauce, pour pineapple juice and chicken-cube stock (½ pint in all) into the grill pan. Heat through. Thicken with a little cornflour or arrowroot.

(London Express Recipe)

NEW ZEALANDERS CHALK UP A BIG WIN

A First Class Lesson In Forward Play By The Touring Team

By "PAK LO"

Before one of the largest crowds, which included His Excellency the Governor, Sir Robert Black and Lady Black, ever to grace a rugby football match in this Colony, the New Zealand Touring Team gave the Colony a first class lesson in forward play when they beat them by the large score of 47 points (4 goals, 7 tries, 2 penalty goals) to nil.

Before the game started and during the interval the Band of the 1st Battalion The Green Howards played selections. On his arrival, Sir Robert Black was presented to both fifteens, and at five minutes before the scheduled time the game began.

Right from the start the New Zealand forwards took command of the lineouts, for they jumped better than the Colony, and by using one of the basic rules of rugby they broke through the Colony forward line.

Instead of, as has become the rule here, getting the ball back the New Zealanders passed the ball to one of their forwards who was running round to back up the player who had caught the ball, and with the force of his run carrying him through, the Colony forwards were beaten before they started.

With the Colony losing most of the lineouts, the Colony forwards had to cover not only their opposing three but the forwards as well, which left a gap in the centre of the three which no amount of hard tackling by Leppard and Watson could cover.

The Colony three throughout tackled extremely well, and Leppard, well, if Leppard had not been there the digits in the score would have been reversed. What neither Leppard or his three got was cover from their own forwards.

Better Position

Although they were out-hooked the Colony were in a better position in the scrums, for they lost only 60 per cent of them, but the ball came back too slowly, and the Colony three, although their passing was good, were too slow off the mark in comparison with the New Zealanders and ran across field.

Both O'Kelly and Robertson played well, but when losing heavily they should have opened the game up, for an open game was the only way to stop the All-Blacks' attacks.

In the Colony forwards Penman played one of his best games this season and was well backed up by Williams, but Green was a definite disappointment, for he was far too slow to do any damage.

The New Zealand pack with Whelan and Pickering to show the way were always well up in the forefront of the game, and when the New Zealand three crossed kicked, as they often did, the whole New Zealand pack was there in a bunch.

Only when the Colony crossed-kicked did the New Zealanders look unsettled, but with their terrific speed they were able to cover their mistakes before the Colony could react. Whitta and Prawn played beautifully with Prawn making the try of the match when he got the ball just outside his own 25, cut through the defence, dived, and his way past two more players, he kicked off the full back and swerved perfectly to leave the last two defenders running the wrong way while he touched down under the posts.

Dineen, the New Zealand full back, also deserves mention for the next way in which he joined in with his three times and again to make the extra man, without crowding his wings.

Big Advantage

But though the New Zealand three passed well it was their crosskicking which gave them such a big advantage for their forwards were always there to gather up the ball and take it on. When they did go for the line it was Davidson who time and again took the eye, for he was able to spurt away from anyone near him, and only someone in his path was able to stop him.

The New Zealanders also passed quickly and only once when Prawn tried to repeat his solo attempt did they fail to feed their wings. Prawn with only Leppard to beat and with four men beautifully positioned outside him kept the ball to himself and was well and truly grounded for his effort.

Without doubt, as any one of the large crowd will testify, this was one of the most exciting matches ever seen, and the fact that it drew such a large and loyal crowd proves that there can be a great future for

rugby in this Colony, especially if we attract tourists of the calibre of these mighty All-Blacks.

It was quite some time, although the All-Blacks pressed steadily before the first score came, when Dineen converted a penalty against Robertson within 20 yards of his own line for picking out of the scrum, 3-0.

A few minutes later Dineen tried a penalty drop from the halfway line but missed and the ball went to Valentine who when caught in possession did with the ball, thus ensuring another easy penalty conversion by Dineen, 6-0.

The Colony forwards, who were lacking too high, brought out the game, let the New Zealanders score again when it took three of them to hold Prawn and the ball went inside to Whelan who sent Davidson over in the corner. No conversion, 9-0.

The Colony suddenly at this stage began to fumble badly and the next score came as no surprise. The All-Blacks' pack heeled, held the ball perfectly, wheeled and Pickering touched down the loose ball half way out. Dineen converted, 14-0.

The Colony had a faint chance to reply when they were awarded a penalty ten yards in from touch and ten yards from the half way line, but O'Kelly was just short. A good three move by New Zealand with some very bad obstruction which the referee did not see, wheeled and Pickering touched down the loose ball half way out. Dineen converted, 17-0.

The Next Try

Again and again the New Zealanders attacked and again and again Leppard and Watson cleared, but then Whelan got the ball from the loose and tore through to score under the posts. Dineen converted, 22-0.

Finally, just before half time, Prawn broke through to send Pickering over from a lineout on the Colony 25. No conversion, 25-0.

Within seconds of the second half starting, the New Zealanders went further ahead when the ball moved across the three line, was kicked ahead by Brown, and Lincee beat the defence to the rolling ball and touched down. Johnson converted, 30-0.

Now, just as the Colony began to attack and it seemed they must score, but Valentine passed out too late and play swept upfield again and Davidson crosskicked for Brown to gather and score well out. No conversion, 33-0.

The ball was kicked off, passed to Prawn by one of the New Zealand forwards and it was then that he made his wonderful solo run to score under the posts. Prawn converted, 38-0.

Pickering added the next try when he took the ball from a wheel within ten yards of the Club line. No conversion, 41-0.

Still the pressure was kept up and from a lineout Lincee went through to score well out. No conversion, 44-0. Finally after another three move, which was becoming more and more the order of the day as the

Colony defence weakened, saw Davidson score. No conversion, 47-0.

Although the Colony were well and truly beaten they were not disgraced, for they played as hard as they were able, but the superior tactics and the greater fitness of the All-Blacks proved their downfall. It is only a pity that we shall not see these All-Blacks for some time, for they gave the game here a great boost, and deserve our thanks and congratulations for their wonderful display.

Quit Now, Stan, Before The Old Black Magic Misses Its Spell

Says W. CAPEL KIRBY

Last month, on February 10, Stanley Matthews reached the ripe old soccer age of 43. Should he pack up, or carry on?

It is a depressing thought, but, much as it hurts, I am certain that millions will join me in hoping this will be the last season we shall see him demonstrating those inimitable tricks of escapology that have left defenders as bewitched and bewildered as a small boy wondering how the ship got into the bottle.

Stan has publicly stated that he feels fit, speedy and agile enough to carry on another two, three, or more seasons. As an admirer of Matthews, both on and off the field throughout his illustrious career, I offer this advice—DON'T! Quit now, Stan, before the old black magic loses its spell... while the sleight of foot still has him going wrong-a-way, and the thrills answers to the summons for that electrifying burst of speed which leaves peepers and fishy-legged victim blundering in your wake... while you can still provide the spot-on-pass delivery service which has produced so many goals for England and Blackpool.

Avoid This!

There have been signs of sluggish reactions—and I say that despite his recent display against Wolves. At all costs avoid the tragedy of cheers turning into jeers. There's nothing the public likes more than to see a champion toppled from his throne.

Don't risk another season after this. Pack up when Blackpool finish their tour of Australia next summer, and so spare us the ordeal of seeing you continue until the memory of greatness fades. Resist the temptation of challenging the record held by your No. 1 fan, Billy Meredith, who only a year previous to retiring at the age of 51 was actually playing in Cup football for Manchester City—loophole!

Without detracting from the skill which won Billy 51 caps for Wales, the fact is that the style of play in his day produced less wear and tear on speed, stamina and the nervous system than it does in present-day competition.

That's my advice to Matthews, who, I am sure, will take it in the spirit it is given. Should he feel the wrench too much he could come to the same wise conclusion as his old friend, Jimmy Hogan, who now limits his football to occasional appearances when conditions heat suit his style, or when Sheffield United consider his experience of value for any particular match.

Mould Gone

Jimmy has just had a birthday and at 41—with the exception of Matthews—is the oldest League club player in the country. It has been said that after the pattern fashioned Matthews they throw away the mould, which makes it sad but nevertheless inevitable that we are unlikely ever to see his kind again. There must be a limit, and it

Nominate YOUR

Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

(1) Footballing prowess.

(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail, My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into account his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is:

of the Club.

(Signed)

SIXPENCE A ROUND?

By HENRY LONGHURST

A cry of distress reaches me from an old friend. He is S. Morton, who years ago was goalkeeper at the Bedfordshire Club and has now, after a period of absence from England, moved back to Old Fold Manor, Herts. To hear from him brings back happy memories, for we were playing at Letchworth when I did my first and, until recently, only hole in one—a feat which we then possessed the stamina to celebrate in five different towns in the same evening.

It is not, however, to recall the career past that Morton writes but to deplore, so far as his own calling is concerned, the present and the probable future. On joining the committee of the Southern Section of the Greenkeepers' Association, he says, he has been alarmed to see so few young men coming into the profession.

The Past Year

This reflects a point which I myself have often heard in the past year and which concerns everyone who plays golf—and I dare say bowls, cricket and any other game which depends for its enjoyment largely on the "state of the pitch."

The answer, of course, is as simple as it is inescapable. Pay them more! The joy of life in the open air, high-ho, and the assurance of a lady statistician in Oxford that he can feed five on £3 10s. 5d. a week do not, alas, weigh so strongly with a young fellow who wants to buy a house and raise a family as does the extra money he can earn by minding a machine in a neighbouring factory.

All very well, you may say, but how do we raise the money? Every day, I am told almost every day, are crippling many clubs already—though they never seem quite to do so. Hay-lake, says Mr. Guy Farrar in a broadcast, cost less than £100 a year to run in the earliest days and now it costs £15,000.

That is a staggering figure. Nevertheless, the fact remains that club subscriptions have not risen since before the war in proportion to other amenities of life and another guinea, added possibly as a separate item under "greenkeeping subscription," will not break many a canteen's backs—though in glibly saying so I reflect with relief that an ex-captain of a golf club will not have to endure the comments of the members.

Great Believer

Like the dentist, however, I am a great believer in painless extraction and there may be other ways of relieving golfers of the financial difference between an enthusiastic young greenkeeper and a jobbing gardener. It might well be, for instance, that clubs could create a tradition that members at the end of every round put sixpence in a box on the bar, to be earmarked for the outdoor staff—hoping, of course, that the local tax inspector would be too busy hunting hunters' Christmas boxes to become aware of these voluntary contributions. A proportion of visitors' green fees might also be assigned to the men on whose labours their enjoyment so already depended.

However, as we seek means of ringing in the new, let us, at any rate with a joyous peal of congratulation, ring out the old. In the person of Tom Bridges, whose greenkeeping life has covered almost the whole of what may be termed modern golf, Bridges, who has set down his tools for the last time at the age of 78, certainly had his life cast in pleasant places. After spending his boyhood at North Berwick, he took the high road to England long before the first world war and fetched up at Humberstone in the age of golf caddies and members driving up from Henley station in a pony and trap.

There the eye of the late and great J. F. Abernethy fell upon him and, together with the two of them plunged into a tangle of rhododendrons, gorse, heather and silver birch and emerged with the Old course at Addington. They kept in touch, I believe, with whistles and I always remember how impressed I was to learn that "Aber" laid out this wonderful course "straight off the cuff," as it were, without having to reconsider a single green or tee.

From Addington, after a brief spell at Croydon Heath, Bridges went to Haylake and there he

Let us leave the last word to Stanley Matthews himself. Says Stanley: "I don't like being told to retire." Would you?

FA CUP REPLAY

Fifty-Fifty Chance For Langley To Play For Fulham

London, Mar. 24. Star left-back Jimmy Langley has a "50-50" chance of playing in the Fulham and Manchester United FA Cup semi-final replay at Highbury on Wednesday. Fulham team manager Dugald Livingstone said today.

"The main trouble is a badly bruised calf muscle. His knee was also wrenched, but he can bend it without difficulty," he added.

Langley was hurt in the first half on Saturday, and went off, but returned to play in the forward line.

The Air Ministry announced today that Tony Macdonald, Fulham's acrobatic young goalkeeper, will be released for the replay.

Macdonald, currently on national service, was due to play for the RAF against the Army on Wednesday.

So, if Langley is fit, Fulham will probably field the side which played on Saturday. Otherwise, Robin Lawler would probably switch at left-back, with Eddie Lowe coming in at left-half.

It seems likely that Manchester United will be unchanged. There is a slight doubt about Ernie Taylor, the little inside-right, who suffered a broken toe in the back of the thigh last Saturday, but he is expected to be fit by Wednesday.

The chances of Ken Morgan, the outside right who recently returned from Munich, are not bright because he is not completely match fit—France-Press.

Ernie Taylor Fit

London, Mar. 24. Ernie Taylor, Manchester United's inside-forward who received a bruised thigh in the FA Cup Semi-Final with Fulham last Saturday, will definitely be fit for the replay at Highbury on Wednesday.

After treatment at Old Trafford today, he took part in team training and felt no ill effects. Neither did a centre-forward Alex Dawson, who suffered an ankle injury in Saturday's game.

The team, which will not be selected until just before the party leave for London tomorrow, is expected to be unchanged.—France-Press.

MARCIANO-LIKE BASILIO AN 8-5 FAVOURITE TO BEAT ROBINSON

Chicago, Mar. 24. "Sugar Ray" Robinson, 37, at one time regarded as the best pound for pound fighter in the world, but now in the twilight of an illustrious career, faces the odds against World Middleweight Champion, Carmen Basilio, here tomorrow night.

The tough, Marciano-like Basilio, who gained the narrowest of decisions over Robinson last September, in probably one of the greatest middleweight fights of all time, is an 8 to 5 on favourite to win again. A poll of 34 leading British and American boxing writers showed that 21 favoured the champion's tireless slugging to overcome the ageing Robinson.

Those who favour Robinson, who will be attempting to win the title for the fifth time, point out that he has never been beaten by the same man twice and predict that he will win by a knockout.

Two opponents who took the title from Robinson were both stopped inside the distance in return bouts. Randolph Turpin of Britain, was beaten in ten rounds and Gene Fullmer lasted five rounds. The cool, calculating Robinson will be giving away seven years in age, but will have the edge in weight.

Vacated Title

Basilio, who vacated the welterweight title when he beat Robinson, is expected to come to the United States to fight a 155-pounder lighter than Robinson.

A crowd of 20,000 is expected to attend the fight which is due to start at 10 p.m. (local time) (0400 G.M.T.).—China Mail Special.

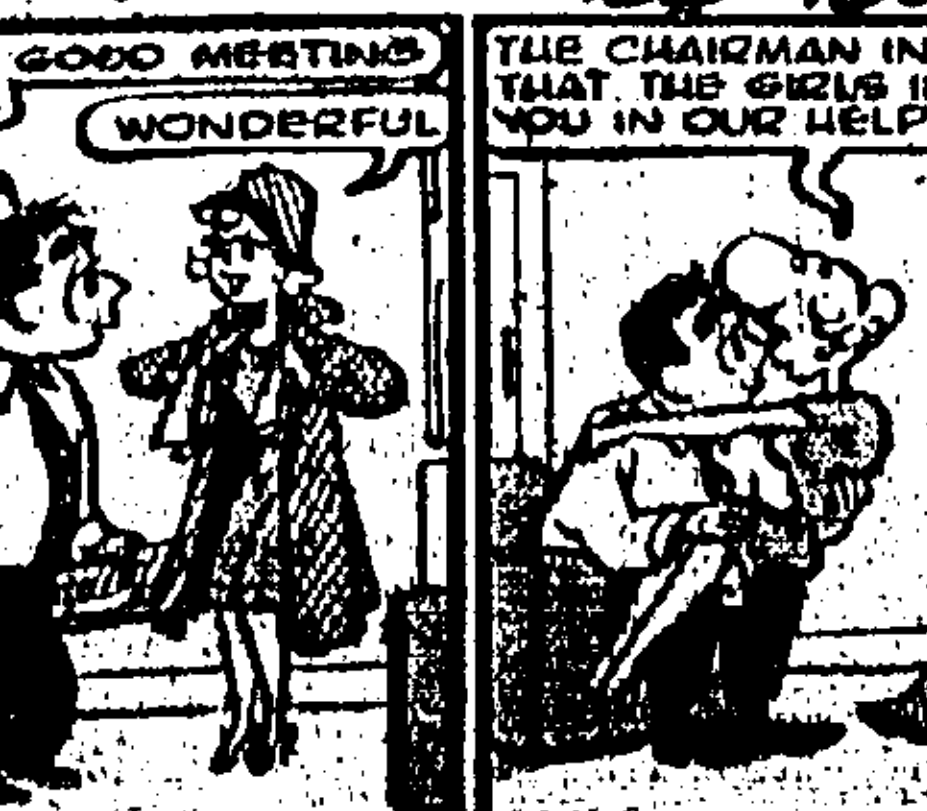


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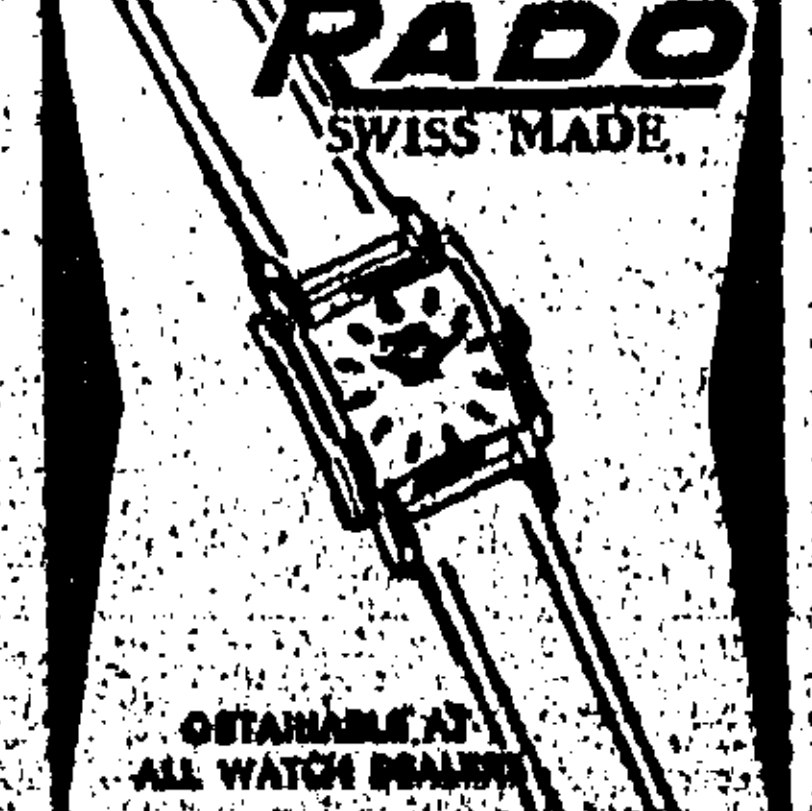
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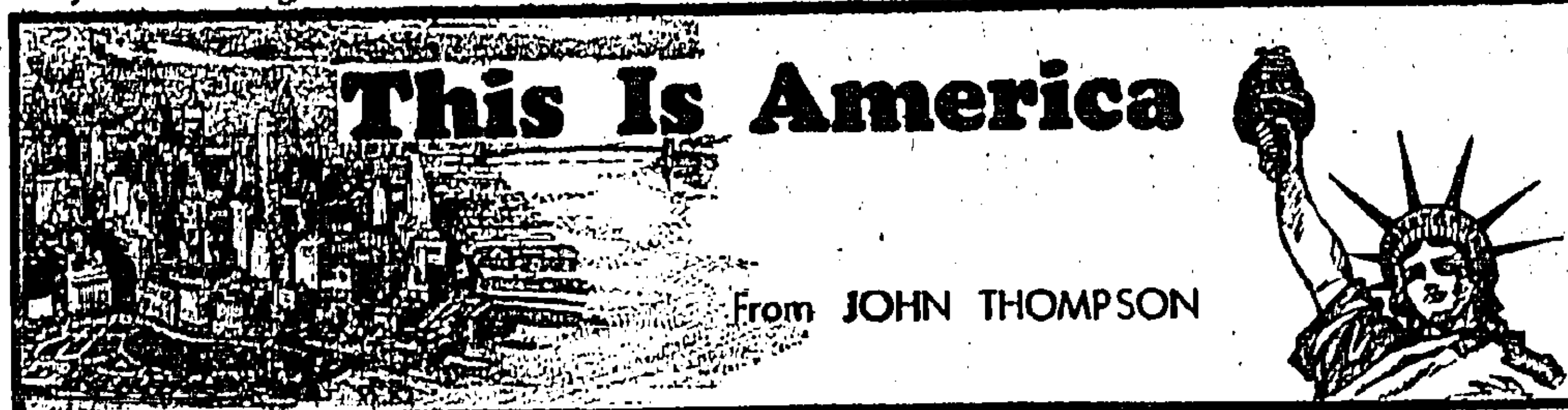
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N.Y. (By Airmail).
HAND-PICKED police from New York's Morals
 Squad are accused of racketeering — by
 protecting a millions-a-year betting syndicate,
 working a high-interest loan system on the water-
 front, and covering up on illegal operations by
 some Brooklyn doctors.

The Morals Squad was set up
 after the break-up of a huge
 police-protected betting combine
 back in 1950.
 By a strange coincidence 42-
 year-old Harry Cross, bookie
 boss of the 20,000,000-dollar-a-
 year (\$7,140,000) graft scandal in
 1950, was released from
 prison today.
 He was serving a three-year
 sentence for breaking parole
 given him by strong-arm Judge
 Leibowitz, the terror of New
 York's underworld.
 On appeal it was ruled he
 should have had only a one-
 year sentence.
 In the Morals Squad investiga-
 tion District Attorney Silver
 claims to have conclusive
 evidence against 15 policemen.

Off-The-Track

IN New York, as in most
 other States, off-the-track
 betting is illegal. Now Silver
 is out to discover if police who
 quit or were fired, after the
 Gross case are "pulling the
 strings" among the State's
 bookies this time.

Despite talk of a "clean up,"
 Silver, backed by Judge
 Leibowitz—who is also taking a
 hand in this investigation—fears
 the police may have teamed up
 with leading underworld figures.
 The value of waterfront
 rackets in Brooklyn alone is
 estimated at \$10,000,000 (\$3-
 500,000) a year. Both Brooklyn
 and the Red Hook and Erie
 Basin areas are thought to be
 "rampant with loan sharks and
 shakedown muscle men."

The three areas are the
 stamping ground of "Tough
 Tony" Anastasia, boss of the
 Longshoremen's Union and
 brother of the murdered Albert
 Anastasia of Murder, Inc.

CALIFORNIAN mother, 29-
 year-old, 4ft 10in Socorro
 Sanchez, has given birth to
 her eleventh child, a boy
 weighing 15lb 3oz.

Danny Kaye

COMEDIAN Danny Kaye, took
 the stand to conduct the
 New York Philharmonic, and I
 can assure you conducting a
 symphony orchestra will never
 be the same again.

Wisely, it was announced at
 Carnegie Hall after Kaye's name:
 "The management assumes no
 responsibility for this portion of
 the programme."

The audience, paying extra
 for charity, filled the hall.
 Maestro Kaye strode out with a
 dozen batons under his arms.

He shook hands with the
 leader of the orchestra, then
 worked his way back, greeting
 his men with a firm handshake.
 When he reached the lady
 harpists he kissed them tenderly.
 He wound up for his first
 downbeat—and his stick flew
 back into the audience.
 Another baton, another down
 beat, and the 100-strong

Philharmonic played a chord.
 Kaye broke a piece off his
 baton. The orchestra played
 more softly.

When the players could not
 keep a straight face, Kaye
 ordered: "Serious, boys, serious."
 And he ordered one musician
 off the stage for laughing out
 loud.

On he went—giving and
 miming—and above the uproar
 rang his own comment on New
 York's concert of the year: "I
 don't know about you people out
 there and I couldn't care less,
 but I'm having the time of my
 life."

SIGN on a bank night
 deposit safe in Louisville,
 Kentucky, read: "Out of
 order. Leave deposit with
 porter." Three depositors
 obeyed. Now they and the
 FBI are looking for the porter
 and \$1,000 (\$350). The chute
 was in order.

Latest Fashion

NIGHT and day the American
 pressure never slackens.
 Latest fashion is for jessons
 while you sleep. One firm
 hopes to do a million dollars'
 worth of business in bedside
 record coaches this year.

More than 100,000 Americans
 are already taking sleep-disc
 lessons.
 I hear of a Californian model
 whose curves are now running
 to fat who drifts off to dream-
 land just before the alarm
 playing softly from beneath her
 pillow.

The firm male voice reminds
 her: "Correct weight is a matter
 of good health. You will
 develop an instinct to select the
 foods you eat."

The record player has a pre-
 set timing mechanism. In the
 middle of the night it starts
 again for 15 minutes and then
 again just before the alarm
 clock goes off in the morning.

DO they work, these learn-
 while-you-sleep records?
 There is no definite
 conclusion yet.

But many people believe
 people can be taught by repeti-
 tion and the power of suggestion
 while they are drowsing off or
 in a light sleep.

The sleep-discs aim at a wide
 variety of targets. You can
 learn Russian by them—and this
 on a day when it is revealed
 here that while 10,000,000
 Russians are learning English,
 only 8,000 Americans are study-
 ing Russian.

Other subjects include: how
 to relax deeply, and how to
 break habits like smoking and
 nail-biting.

A number of firms are using
 self-confidence courses played
 during sleep, for bolstering
 the morale of their salesmen.

Some education experts be-
 lieve the records could be used
 to break children of anti-social

attitudes. And good authorities
 are planning to experiment with
 the records on prisoners.

FOOTNOTE: So far there is
 no news of any device for keep-
 ing Americans awake at their
 work during the day.

NEW TREND in New
 York's centrally heated apart-
 ments is to fill the empty
 fireplace with a fish tank.

Nuclear Check

COASTGUARDS have clamped
 down an intense nuclear
 check on all ships entering San
 Francisco harbour—which points
 directly across the Pacific to
 Russia.

They are swarming over the
 boats with geliger counters,
 listening for the click-click
 which would tell if the boats
 carried radioactive material.
 Similar tests are being made at
 Los Angeles and San Diego.

The reason? "More or less
 a training exercise for port
 security personnel," said Com-
 mander Arthur M. Davidson,
 the Coastguards' information
 officer.

He also said that large ships
 which had called at Iron
 Curtain ports were checked as
 a routine measure—but occa-
 sionally we check even the
 fishing boats and small yachts to
 get our men acquainted with the
 geliger counter.

AN INDIGNANT mother from
 Atlanta, Georgia, has beaten
 up the schoolmaster who caned
 her 11-year-old son—and had
 the teacher arrested on charges
 of assault and battery.
 She said: "I went down to
 the school and bent the devil
 out of him. I was so angry I
 don't remember all of what I
 did."

The teacher was arrested and
 released on bail.
A PORTRAIT, valued at
 \$1,000 (\$337), of Texas-born
 President Eisenhower has
 been found slashed in a club
 in Houston, Texas. A note
 fixed on the frame read: "We
 don't like Ike in Texas."

ANTI-SLUMP NOTE: Detroit
 business man Samuel Schiff
 has been giving his employees
 an extra five dollars (about \$50)
 with their pay cheques as "con-
 fidence spending money."

He makes it a condition that
 the money must be spent in a
 week on something the employee
 would not normally buy.
 The idea: to put more money
 into circulation and thus pep up
 business.

PHONE calls have plagued
 48-year-old actress Agnes
 Moorehead for two years—
 "three a day from my
 husband asking for a divorce,
 and others from women
 urging me to get one." Now
 she has divorced 36-year-old
 actor Robert Gist.

Long-Playing

LONG-PLAYING records have
 doubled the value of the
 American record industry in 10
 years.

Long-players bring in 64 per
 cent of sales of "pop" tunes. And
 they do 95 per cent of the
 classical music business.

The only people to complain
 about all this are the disc
 jockeys.

They fear they have abdicated
 to the record shop on the
 corner. Most radio stations
 now only allow the disc jockeys
 to play the top 40 on the local
 hit list.

Styling themselves "electronic
 jukebox voices," the disc jockeys
 ask: "Is our prime requisite
 the ability to count up to 40?"

OUT OF WORK pay in
 New York State will go up
 from \$30 (\$12) a week to
 \$45 (\$18). But the time
 limit on payments remains
 at 26 weeks.

Pick-Pocket

LITTLE OLD LADY looking
 at least 80 threw herself
 into the arms of a Los Angeles
 man and cried: "You're the spit-
 ting image of my long-lost son."

Then she apologized for the
 mistaken identity, and hurried
 off.

Later the man found \$22
 (\$17.5) missing from his
 wallet. But he admired the pick-
 pocket. "Everybody else waits
 around for the Government to
 take care of them in their old
 age," he said. "But the old
 lady is employing a real techni-
 cal skill to take care of herself."

SO MANY people are
 visiting the New York exhibi-
 tion of 41 paintings by Sir
 Winston Churchill that the
 paintings have been rearranged
 to allow for a "one-way
 traffic" only of viewers.

REMEMBER the famous
 Bette Davis line before her
 party in the film "All About
 Eve": "Fasten your seat belt,
 folks, it's going to be a
 bumpy evening!"

Now Miss Davis has found
 a bumpy basement and is
 suing her landlords for \$85,000
 (\$30,000) damages.

She says when she rented
 her house she was shown a
 door leading to the basement
 and was told it was a cup-
 board. But when she opened
 the door she fell down the
 stairs and hurt her back.

Think Up!

A FULL-PAGE advertisement
 in a blazoned "Dallas think up."
 The idea behind these big type,
 red bold headlines is to fight
 "weak and negative thinking that
 creates fear and a business re-
 cession" with "positive thinking
 that generates confidence and
 good times."

The advertisements were paid
 for by Richard Baker, boss of a
 Dallas department store. He
 has had a flood of congratula-
 tions from Texans who read his
 ad.

In other parts of the country
 also people are reacting to the
 present unemployment (now
 over 5,000,000) and the failure
 of the Government to give them
 a hand, by taking steps
 themselves.

In New England townsmen
 have a second string to their
 bow. In Vermont workers have
 been paying their way by de-
 veloping what they call "stand-
 by" time.

They turn to work like house-
 painting, decorating, brick-
 laying, helping on the farms.
 They are prepared to travel long
 distances to earn a wage.

INCLUDED in the space
 ago dictionary published last
 week by the US Air Force is
 the word "unobtainium." This is de-
 fined as a "substance that
 either theoretically cannot
 exist or that cannot be pro-
 duced because technology is
 insufficiently advanced."

Boycott

SIXTY recruits staged a week-
 long boycott of the mess
 hall at a camp in Virginia in
 what the army described as a
 protest against military neatness
 and routine.

Most of the rebels are college
 science graduates. They are
 doing duty at the army's
 Engineer Research Laboratory.
 Trouble really boiled when
 NCOs told them they would
 get no more pay until they
 smartened themselves up.

Said their colonel: "Some of
 these men think it is beneath
 their intellectual status to pool
 potatoes."

The adjutant minced no
 words: "This is mutiny," he
 said, "and the punishment for
 mutiny is death."
 But the recruits went on get-
 ting their meals elsewhere until,
 as one put it: "Most of us ran
 out of money so we had to go
 back."

Persistent Blackmailer Has Plagued Vienna For Eight Years

By HANS JANITSCHKE

Vienna, March 24.

WEALTHY and influential Austrians have been receiving
 letters for the past eight years from a stranger who
 calls himself "Mr Longfinger" and who appears to be "the
 most persistent blackmailer of postwar Austria."

According to police experts,
 the receivers of these letters are
 promised "death and disaster" if
 they do not meet Mr Longfinger's
 demands.

Some of Austria's greatest
 industrialists, landowners, artists
 and even politicians have re-
 ceived his letters. Altogether,
 more than 150 leading Austrian
 personalities reported to the
 police that they had received
 mail from Mr Longfinger threat-
 ening them with murder.

At the same time, the police
 began to check the places from
 where Mr Longfinger's letters
 were mailed. Post offices and
 mail boxes were watched. But
 he changed the places so often
 that it became impossible to
 follow him.

No Trace
 These letters are now all in
 the possession of the police. But
 no trace has been found of Mr
 Longfinger himself whose de-
 mands are all for money, and
 rather large sums at that. His
 favourite figure seems to be
 100,000 Austrian schillings
 (about £1,400).

"No one will prevent me kill-
 ing you," he declares in his
 letters, written by hand and con-
 taining numerous grammatical
 errors. "If you do not pay 100
 schillings, neatly wrapped in a
 waterproof linen, you will die a
 terrible death. Try to make the
 package as small as possible."

Then follows an exact descrip-
 tion of the spot where the
 money should be deposited,
 under a stone, a tree trunk, or
 bushes in the Vienna woods.

"If you do not comply with this
 demand, death and disaster
 will overcome you," the letter
 concludes.

"We do not know from how
 many people he actually got
 money," one police official said.
 "We know only of those cases
 where the receivers of the letters
 refused to pay and told the
 police."

So, Mr Longfinger may be a
 rich man today. But the police
 doubt it. At least, they think,
 his fortune still lies hidden

somewhere in the Vienna woods.
 For, so far Mr Longfinger has
 never come to the places where
 he told his victims to deposit
 their money. For many con-
 secutive months, policemen, dis-
 guised as wood cutters, tourists,
 mushroom collectors and so on,
 have been watching the places
 appointed by Mr Longfinger.
 But he has never appeared.

The police have used electrical
 traps, radar systems, even a hid-
 den television camera placed
 near a spot where a "victim"
 had buried a packet of faked
 money. Only once has a rabbi
 hidden alarm bell sounded. With
 revolvers ready, policemen
 jumped out of their hiding
 places. But it was only a rabbit
 which had tripped over the
 electric wire.

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 began to check the places from
 where Mr Longfinger's letters
 were mailed. Post offices and
 mail boxes were watched. But
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 that it became impossible to
 follow him.

Frightening
 Lately, Mr Longfinger has
 been frightening his "victims"
 with detailed descriptions of
 how they would be killed if they
 did not pay: "You will be shot
 by a poisoned arrow. . . . A
 bomb will be thrown into your
 car" or his latest invention,
 "the poisoned American potato
 —only a tiny piece in your
 soup and you will be dead."

Many police believe that Mr
 Longfinger is a madman, though
 his skill in distorting his own
 handwriting — he uses only
 capital letters — in avoiding
 fingerprints, and in choosing dif-
 ferent post offices, indicates that
 he must be intelligent.

One thing is sure by now: he
 must be a very enthusiastic
 tourist of the Vienna woods.
 Otherwise, he would be unable

to describe in so much detail the
 places where the money is to
 be hidden.

Mr Longfinger's existence has
 had its consequences among
 Vienna's high society. He is
 putting a great strain upon their
 nerves and at big public recep-
 tions, his latest letters often
 constitute the main topic of talk.
 Sometimes several millionaires
 are in a sanatorium at the same
 time, not because they are really
 ill but because they have re-
 ceived letters from Mr Longfinger
 and are recovering from the shock.

Threatened
 Many threatened persons have
 been given police protection day
 and night during the period in
 which they were threatened
 with murder by Mr Longfinger.
 But no attempt has yet been
 made to arrest him. No arrow
 shot, and not even a
 poisoned potato found in the
 soup of a millionaire. Yet the
 police, and the "victims," fear
 that if Mr Longfinger is really
 mad, he may one day be crazy
 enough to carry out his threats.

In the meantime, the affair is
 putting an ever increasing strain
 on the Vienna police force. They
 sometimes have a dozen men out
 in remote parts of the Vienna
 woods watching hidden packets
 of "money" while a dozen more
 have to be spared to watch the
 houses and movements of people
 who have been threatened. —
 China Mail Special.

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 East, Ceylon, Great Britain, Europe,
 9 a.m.
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 By Air
 Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, 11 a.m.
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 East, Europe, 9 a.m.
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 Hawaii, 5 p.m.
 Korea, 6 p.m.
 China, People's Republic, 9 a.m.
 India, Ceylon, Great Britain, Middle
 East, Europe, 9 a.m.
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SUNDAY, MARCH 30
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 Macao, 1 p.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 31
 By Surface
 China, People's Republic, 9 a.m.
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Many Believe Move Was Made Too Soon Bank Rate Cut: Lull In The Battle But No Surprise At Action By Government

By RONALD BOXALL

London, Mar. 24.

Most people have accepted the official explanation that the bank rate reduction was a tactical move marking the end of a six-month period of more than usual anxiety for the gold reserves. But a sizable minority believes the Government has made a mistake.

The vocal members of this minority, in turn, disagree among themselves. One view is that the move was premature; that inflation is still the uppermost influence at work, and that the reduction will be misinterpreted. Another is that the authorities were not entirely frank in their explanation; that they are more worried than they care to admit about the possibility of a recession, but chose the wrong means of dealing with it. But no one was very surprised at what happened. The move had been anticipated and largely discounted as the subsequent comparatively small upward movement of stock exchange prices showed.

If anything, it came rather sooner than many people expected, and the City, ever on the lookout for hidden meanings, has attached some significance to this. This opinion is now being widely canvassed that the authorities lowered the bank rate at this moment to allow a reasonable pause before they lower it again.

The next few months will show whether the American recession is going to spread to Britain—as it has already spread to primary producing countries—and even to some industrial countries, or whether inflation is going to get the upper hand again.

Possibility

The British authorities believe they are now in a position to deal with either possibility. The bank rate was raised by two per cent to seven per cent last September to do just that. It was lowered to six per cent in January, and then to five per cent in February. The official explanation continues: "But at home, although inflationary pressures are moderating, the reduction in bank rate, it does not imply any relaxation in monetary policy."

The authorities can fairly claim that the emphasis in economic policy is still on disinflation. The reins on credit are still held tight enough to prevent a possible resurgence of inflationary pressure during the summer. On the other hand, they have been loosened sufficiently (as matters stand at present) to avoid the risk of deflationary pressure. The possibility that the American recession will spread to Britain is not yet a serious concern. But it is a risk that has to be faced—and sooner rather than later. This may explain why the bank rate was lowered now instead of in a few weeks' time. Another reduction in a month or two from what is still, after all, a low rate, would not raise many eyebrows. And it would leave room for a manoeuvre at the first sign of a resurgence of speculative pressure against sterling later in the summer when seasonal influences become adverse.

But there is plenty of room for disagreement with this appraisal of the situation, and criticisms have already been voiced. The Times believes the reduction was made too soon. "After all," it says, "only the first meetings of a half to the rise in prices have been seen so far on the home front in spite of a 12 per cent drop in prices of imported materials over the past year. Certainly the remedies are working but a false step at this stage might easily undo all the good work of the past six months. Moreover, several weeks negotiations are entering a delicate stage when ministers (of the cut) might jeopardize the whole atmosphere which has been so painfully established during the winter months."

The answer to this is that even after the reduction, the British bank rate is high both by comparison with what is regarded as "normal" and with current discount rates in other financial centres. The danger would be if the move was "misinterpreted" by the "Gods that dwell in Zurich"—and that was hardly likely to be the case. Indeed, the fact that the British bank rate was so far out of line with the equivalent rates in other countries was no doubt an important consideration in the decision to lower it. And it leads to the second criticism. The British bank rate, at six per cent, compares with rates of 2½ per cent in the United States, two and two-thirds per cent in Canada, 3½ per cent in Germany, and between four and five per cent in France, Italy, Belgium and Holland. Before the British rate was lowered, therefore, it was profitable to shift funds from other centres and invest them in London and in the pound. This led to a considerable inflow of "hot" money.

The official view is that this inflow, while giving a temporary flow to the gold reserves, is more trouble in the end than it is worth. For money that comes in for a brief flirtation, leaves with embarrassing haste at the end of the honeymoon.

Nonsense

The Economist dismisses this view as old-fashioned nonsense. "The great difference in our position as a banking nation," it says, "compared with that in the 19th century or even before the war, is that we are now one of the few countries in which we have an encouragement to borrow in times of emergency and to which too few have an incentive to lend. The way to meet this state of affairs is to revise our ideas about what an interest rate is not money, and about what is hot money."

In the opinion of this influential weekend review, relaxations should have been concentrated on other things than bank rate—above all it would have been better to concentrate them on reductions in taxation next month.

One thing is clear from all this: The bank rate move has not put any fears to rest. We are like a regiment enjoying a lull in the battle, but expecting a new attack at any moment. The trouble is that half of us are peering ahead for a frontal assault by deflationary forces while the other half are looking over their shoulders for an attack in the rear by inflation.

—Express Service.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Mar. 24. Closing rates were: Canada 1.01 1/2, England official 2.01-2/10, New Zealand 2.01, Holland 2.01, Argentina 2.01, Brazil 2.01.

Note: London exchange rates were unavailable. —United Press.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

New York, Mar. 24. Cotton futures today aggressively resumed the rise under way at the close of last week.

Opening higher, and edging ahead persistently thereafter, all new crop months reached seasonal highs with the early 1958 deliveries crossing the 37-cent line.

March, 1958, hit 37.15 cents a pound, highest price for any cotton futures delivery in more than five years—since Nov. 1952.

Closing within striking distance of the best levels the list showed net gains of 27 to 37 points. Opening prices were up 8 to 10 points. New Orleans closed up 27 to 30 points.

Persistent buying through commission house brokers, local operators and trade account found sellers more cautious in face of backwardness of new crop preparations, and seedling, and anticipation of a higher government loan rate.

A scarcity of good quality seed for planting, additionally blurred the new crop picture. Many sections of the belt reported ploughing seedling still held back by wet soil conditions following recent heavy rains.

Other buyers believed a small crop, and the tightening supply situation at the end of the season in July, will mean a boost in the loan rate to around 85 per cent compared with the 81 per cent loan rate already established interim rate.

Eastern belt sections said land preparations and planting are beginning to get sections scheduled in southern sections of the territory. California said field work again was being interrupted by several days of heavy rains.

Volume Open interest
Month
May 9,400 220,000
July 1,800 210,000
Sept. 1,800 210,000
Nov. 1,800 210,000
Dec. 1,800 210,000
Jan. 1,800 210,000
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LANCASHIRE SEEKS CHANGE OF MIND IN HONGKONG

China Trade Ban Attacked

London, Mar. 24.
The Daily Express again attacked the ban on trade with China in its editorial today.

Recalling that in Canada it is said that the Ford motor plant of that country could have sold thousands of cars to China but for the veto of its American parent company, the Daily Express said Britain's trade with China is far less than it should be.

The editorial said: "This absurd situation is due, in part, to political considerations which have little meaning in the world today. A ban of export of the so-called strategic goods to China doesn't make sense any more. The time has come for British trade policy to get into line with reality."—London Express Service.

POLITICIAN APPEARS IN COURT

Belize, Mar. 24.
A crowd of about 300 carried Mr. George Price, leader of the left-wing People's United Party, shoulder high when he was released on bail after appearing before a magistrate here this morning.

The crowd shouted "Viva Price, We want self-government."

Mr. Price was arrested last night on a charge of seditious intention.

The hearing was adjourned until Thursday after the magistrate had told the prosecution that the arrest warrant did not give particulars of the charge.

NO MENTION

The magistrate said no mention was made in the warrant of the words used by Mr. Price at a public meeting last Friday, which the prosecution holds to be of seditious intention.

Answering the magistrate, the prosecution lawyer said the prosecution intended to go through with the case so that it can be sent for trial in the Supreme Court in April. If a prima facie case was made out, bail was granted in the sum of 500 British Honduras dollars in two sureties.—Reuter.

Shake-Up In Syrian Army Seen

London, Mar. 24.
Radio Baghdad reported once more tonight that a shake-up among Syrian Army officers was in the making.

The broadcast monitored here, said the shake-up was the command of the Syrian Arab Republic. First Army officers, the beginning of these changes. The UAR High Command so far was considering the transfer or release from the service of 15 Syrian officers, the Baghdad broadcast said.

ARRESTS

Last night Radio Baghdad reported "a wave of arrests involving high politicians and Syrian Army officers" in Damascus.

Some observers, the Iraqi news report went on, believed that Bazzi was in official custody. Evidence of this, it said, was that Bazzi had not been seen recently.

Radio Baghdad said further that "grumbling and complaints" were being heard in high government circles in Damascus.—United Press.

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London, Mar. 24.
The Textile Mercury, organ of the British textile industry, today wrote that "Sir Frank Lee, permanent Secretary to the Board of Trade, has gone to Hongkong to see whether he can get Hongkong mill owners to change their minds about voluntary limitation of grey cloth exports to Britain."

ALY KHAN THROWS A PARTY

Cards Forged
For US\$50

New York, Mar. 24.
Prince Aly Khan gave his first diplomatic party to-night as Pakistan's newly-appointed delegate to the United Nations.

Pakistani officials said invitations were so much in demand that some had been forged and were selling on a striped-pants black market for \$50 each.

Pakistani delegation officials said 1,100 invitations had been issued for a reception at Pakistan House to celebrate this country's Republic Day and more than 80 per cent had been formally accepted. Acceptance of 99 per cent is normal for most UN diplomatic parties.

NEW CAPACITY
Pakistani officials said they knew, however, that invitations had been forged for the first social function of the playboy Prince in his new capacity as diplomat.

The Pakistani delegation was prepared to cope with gate-crashers. There is a check at the door on all arrivals. If the "guest" is unknown to the Pakistani officials, or if his name does not appear on special list, he is refused admission.

New York police, who customarily provide a small contingent to handle traffic when diplomatic parties warrant it, assigned extra men to the Pakistani delegation headquarters.

Prince Aly Khan presented his credentials to the UN on March 4.—United Press.

ISRAEL FOUND GUILTY

Jerusalem, Mar. 24.
The United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission found Israel guilty today of two armistice violations and asked the Israeli authorities to take all possible measures to prevent the recurrence of such incidents.

The Commission said that on March 18, a four-year-old Arab boy was wounded while playing in a village on the Jordanian side of the border by fire directed from Israeli forces manning in the vicinity.

The Commission described as a "deliberate breach of the armistice" the killing of three Arab farmers, his horse shot dead, three armed Israeli soldiers and the farmer who was ploughing, the Commission said.

The Commission reported that 20 incidents have occurred since February, 1957, despite repeated Israeli assurances.—France-Press.

No Visit

New Delhi, Mar. 24.
An Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman today denied press reports that President Dr. Rajendra Prasad would visit a number of South-East Asian countries this year.—France-Press.

A twelve-year-old girl was arrested on suspicion of stealing money from a woman pedestrian at Bulkeley Street in Hong Kong.

The paper said that Sir Frank has a wide knowledge and experience of overseas trade policy, particularly textiles. In announcing Sir Frank's mission, President of the Board of Trade Sir David Eccles also expressed the hope that inter-industry negotiations for a limitation of supplies from India and Pakistan would be resumed.

Chance Promise

The Lancashire view is that neither of these announcements offers the industry anything more than "a chance promise" of action to stop the disastrous flood of imports.

What India and Pakistan may do is clearly contingent on somebody breaking down Hong-kong resistance to outside interference with its expanding export trade.

The paper said, "Men who had dealings with the Colony feel that the expanding industry there has become too dependent on exports to be able to retract now—unless the larger volume of cloth now being shipped to Britain can be diverted with certainty elsewhere."

"The problem is finding a big enough alternative outlet that is duty free."

New Company

The cotton industry is taking a new and definite step to combat over-production and to put the industry on a better footing to withstand the impact of competition from Hongkong, India and Pakistan.

The aim is to reduce its equipment in quantity and to improve its quality. Cotton and rayon are the main products of the Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers Association whose object will be to take over and close down cotton and rayon weaving factories which are not able to re-equip their factories. Participation in the scheme will, of course, be voluntary.

The new company is called Weaving Reorganisation Ltd. It will seek to raise some of its finance from outside the industry, but will look to the industry itself to provide some of it.

Surplus Board

This move is the first of its kind since a surplus splinter board was set up by act of Parliament in 1936 to purchase and scrap redundant spinning plants.

During the three years of its existence it disposed of more than 6,000,000 spindles. As in the 1930's, loss of exports and competition from the Eastern countries have been the main factors blamed for the decline of the industry.

Then, however, competition came chiefly from Japan, and affected Lancashire's export markets. This time, it comes from Hongkong, India and Pakistan as well.

In the 1930's a government subsidy helped toward the cost of re-equipment of the spinning mills.

This time, the weaving section is helping itself, the idea of the scheme being to encourage the industry's future re-equipment and re-orientation.

Provisions

The scheme will include provisions regarding the redundant employees at the firms closed down under it.

Meanwhile, the British textile industry is continuing its efforts to obtain voluntary limitation of exports from its Commonwealth competitors.—France-Press.

A twelve-year-old girl was arrested on suspicion of stealing money from a woman pedestrian at Bulkeley Street in Hong Kong.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I know I've been having a lot of dates lately—but please remember I'm going steady with four boys!"

New Airport Lighting Work To Start In Few Weeks

The work of providing a complete operational lighting for the new airport will begin in a matter of weeks and the task will take a little more than a year to finish.

By August, 1958, Kai Tak will be able to take on night flying and should be in full commercial operation.

The General Electric Co. Ltd. of England has been awarded the contract valued at \$2,621,065 and the work of installation will be carried out by the British General Electric Co. Ltd. Hong Kong, as sub-contractors.

Consultants

The civil engineering consultants for the complete airport scheme are Scott and Wilson, Kirkpatrick and Partners, London, and the electrical consultants for the lighting scheme are Preece, Cardew and Rider, London.

The GEC's contract will involve the supply and installation of high and low intensity runway and approach lighting, taxiway lighting, a location beacon, obstruction lighting, navigational warning lights and auxiliary terminal apron lighting.

In addition to the lighting equipment, the GEC will supply and install all the main and control underground cabling, airfield lighting switchboards, standby diesel sets, incoming supply switchgear and transformers and a remote control console.

Two unusual features of the contract are the sub-station at the seaward end of the runway, which is built out into Kowloon Harbour, will be built underground, and the location of the height of the adjacent Lion Rock hills, the northwest approach to the new Airport will be curved over a closely built-up area of Kowloon City.

Line And Bar

Aircraft approaching the new airport from the west will pass over Shamshuipo and Kowloon Tong, before making a 40 degrees turn on to bearing 134 degrees, 6,310 feet from the threshold bar. This approach will be equipped with a centre line and bar lighting system consisting of high and low intensity lights mounted on structures located in Kowloon City. The approach from the east, bearing 214 degrees, will be equipped with a centre line system of high and low intensity lighting mounted on structures built in Kowloon Harbour.

Settle Down

Cologne, Mar. 24.
Ex-Queen Soraya of Iran will "very probably" settle down in Switzerland or France, an Iranian Embassy spokesman said here today.

Soraya has not yet made a final decision, however, they reported.—United Press.

Youths Convicted Of Robbery At Sai Kung

Two youths who took part in a robbery at Tai Tan Village, Sai Kung, in October last year, were remanded in custody until 10 a.m. next Wednesday by Mr Justice A. D. Scholes at the Criminal Sessions this morning, for a report on their suitability for entering a training centre.

One of them, Lau Yik-chuen, 18-year-old farmer, was found guilty by a jury of six men and one woman, who deliberated for 20 minutes before returning a majority verdict of six to one. Lau Pun-sing, 19, farmer, named as the first accused in the indictment, had pleaded guilty.

Lau Yik-chuen was convicted of robbing Mr Lee Yuen-kwong, and a woman, Wong Sung-tai, of more than \$1,250, a gold ring and a flashlight in a stone house in Tai Tan Village on October 24.

During the robbery, in which four men took part, two shots were fired by an armed member of the gang.

Prosecution

Mr D.F.O. Mayne, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Detective Inspector E. R. Moss. In his cross-examination of Lau Yik-chuen, Police Interpreter, yesterday, the second accused put it to him that he (accused) had not made any statement admitting his guilt, as alleged, but that he had been compelled to copy something written in a detective's notebook onto a piece of paper.

This morning, Lau Yik-chuen elected to say nothing in his own defence. After the verdict had been returned, Lau Pun-sing, who had pleaded guilty, asked for a light sentence, saying he had an old mother to support.

Long Time

He asked the Court to date the sentence from the day of his arrest because he had been in custody for a long time.

Lau Yik-chuen asked for a chance to be allowed to re-form, and for a short sentence also, because he had an old mother. Mr Mayne told His Lordship that the Police did not consider the two accused to be ring-leaders, but that they were led on by an older person who was a well-known bad character.

Mr Justice Scholes told the prisoners that they had been convicted of a very serious offence, the maximum sentence for which was life imprisonment, and 18 strokes of the cane.

Clean Records

But, he continued, in view of what had been said by Crown Counsel, and the fact that they were young and had clean records, he would recommend them sending a report on their suitability for a training centre, instead of sending them to jail.

Pen Pals Wanted

LOH CHOOI TENG—27-A, Commonwealth Avenue, Singapore, 3. General exchange of correspondence and views.

'MONSTER' GETS 20 YEARS

London, Mar. 24.
Albert Edward Matheson, 52-year-old labourer sentenced to death for the capital murder of a 15-year-old boy, today had the conviction reduced to manslaughter and the penalty to 20 years' imprisonment.

Five judges in the Court of Criminal Appeal here heard his appeal against his conviction for the murder of Gordon Lockhart, whose mutilated body was found beneath a boxing-ring in Newcastle, northern England.

Council for the appellant submitted that the jury at the trial were so appalled by the atrocious nature of the crime that they formed the view that the only proper penalty was hanging. Lord Chief Justice Goddard commented: "It is the most horrible case I have ever come across in my experience. He is a monster—there is no other word for it."—Reuter.

SOVIET EXPERTS ARRIVE IN UAR General Survey Of Country

Damascus, Mar. 24.
Large groups of Soviet experts have arrived in the Egyptian and Syrian provinces of the United Arab Republic in the past three days, to begin work provided for in the economic assistance agreements concluded recently in Moscow.

Twenty-two Soviet geologists arrived here on Sunday to begin a general survey of Syrian mineral and petroleum resources.

Four Soviet planes have been provided for the work of the mission. The first group of Soviet experts has also arrived in Cairo, it was learned to carry out work in connection with projects evaluated at some 700,000,000 roubles.—France-Press.

LADY BLACK VISITS CARE CENTRE

By A STAFF REPORTER

The work of the Hongkong Juvenile Care Centre among the poor children of Gloucester was praised by Lady Black (see picture below) during her visit to the Centre on the Lower Albert Road this morning. More than 600 street children attend daily or school lessons and handicraft training, in addition to the 80 boarders, mostly delinquent boys sent for care and guidance.

A guard of honour of Boy Scouts of the 25th Company, Victoria District, lined the approach to the building where Lady Black was welcomed by Mr Chan Nam-chong, President of the Centre and Mrs Chan Tung-chau, Chairman.

The Warden, Mr Chau Kwok-leung, was presented and members of the committee including the Hon. Treasurer, Mr Cheng Chung-kwan, the Hon. Secretary, Mr Wong Shiu-cheuk and Advisor, Dr the Hon. S. N. Chan. Upon her arrival in the lower assembly hall Lady Black was entertained by a song of greeting and a children's melody, followed by folk dances, "New Shoes" and "Round Dance" with rhythmic drumming. The children were trained by Mr Chung Wai-keung.

ASKED TO SING

On the upper floor kindergarten and primary children were standing quietly, round-eyed and with hands demurely clasped. Lady Black asked them to sing for her, and applauded their performance, then with delight the times joined in and clapped themselves enthusiastically.

After the rest of the building including the boarders' quarters, Lady Black was presented with a sheaf of long-stemmed roses and a plastic work-basket made by the children.

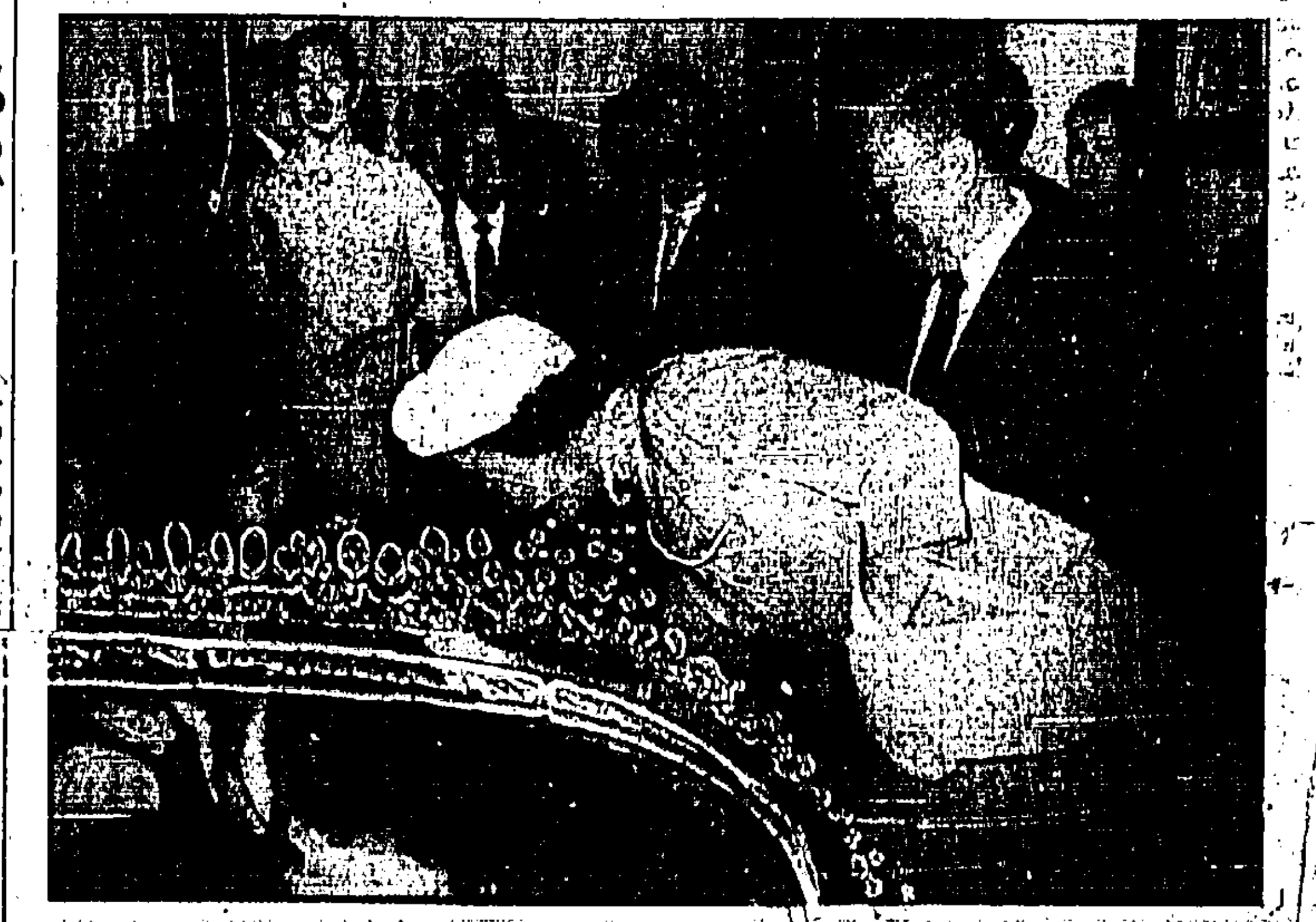
The annual general meeting of the Care Centre will be held at 5.30 this afternoon. Lady Black congratulated the officers and committee members and staff upon their fine work before she left.

Man Injured By Bus

A 52-year-old man, Yeung King-yuen, living at No. 538 "C" Block, Tai Hing Tung, was knocked down and injured by a bus in Nathan Road, near St Andrew's Church, yesterday. The victim was admitted to Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition.

Police Look For Robbers

Police are still looking for two men, armed with revolvers, who robbed the Tai Ming Goldsmith Shop at 401, Shanghai Street, last night of gold articles valued at \$8,000.



Lady Black speaking to some of the children at the Juvenile Care Centre, Lower Albert Road, this morning. With her is Mr Y. C. Chan, President of the Centre (see story above, col. 8).—Staff Photographer.